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Downloading costs may not be as bad as once feared

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

That rattling at your window panes isn't from the winter winds.

It's from the collective sigh of relief municipal officials are letting out now that the provincial government has lightened the financial load of services it will transfer to them in the new year.

"It looks a lot more optimistic for taxpayers than it did a month ago," said Dysart Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey. "... I'm much more optimistic than I was that we can stabilize taxes."

On Friday Finance Minister Ernie Eves released the province's figures for the costs downloading responsibility for some services to municipalities, such as welfare, policing social housing and child care, in return for assuming most of the costs of education.

Based on preliminary numbers released in the fall, county politicians and administrators had been bracing themselves for a huge financial hit.

They anticipated the need to

hike taxes by up to 25 per cent in some cases to pay for the millions of dollars in new services they were being given.

But municipalities should be able to avoid those drastic increases with the help of provincial financial assistance outlined by Eves last week.

While the exact figures haven't yet been worked out, it appears the government will give the county and the 10 municipalities "several millions of dollars" in funding next year to help handle their new responsibilities, said Les Shepherd, the county's chief administrative officer.

However, the government is expecting municipalities to chip in with some assistance, as well.

To make the swap of services revenue neutral, as pledged by the province from the beginning, municipalities are being ordered to cut \$565-million from their budgets next year.

Locally, each municipal council will have to reduce their overall spending by 1.7 per cent.

Provided they make the

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The toll roads will ring only for the Lions Club

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Dysart council has lowered the gate on fundraiser toll booths for all but one group on the municipality's roads.

The Haliburton Lions Club, the first community group to organize the tolls in Dysart, has been granted exclusive rights to continue the fundraising activity annually on one day over the civic holiday weekend in August.

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Spurred by the success the Lions enjoyed, a growing number of associations and groups applied to the municipality to hold the tolls during summer long weekends.

Last August the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association beat the Lions to the civic holiday weekend and raised about \$3,000 at a volunteer toll set up on Highway 118, just below town.

The Lions held a similar toll for the Labour Day weekend.

The Haliburton County Search and Rescue association also applied to hold a toll. But when it learned council was considering putting a ban on the prac-

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A PERFECT ANGEL: Aliccia McEachern was one of the performers in Sunday night's delightful Christmas Concert by Lakeside Baptist Church. We'll have more photos from the evening in next week's Christmas Greetings supplement. Next week The Echo comes out a day early, on Monday, Dec. 22.

DOUG HODGSON

His commitment to education in Haliburton County means he leaves an enduring legacy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Haliburton County's unofficial "minister of education" left an enduring legacy, both during his 15 years as the county's first director of education, and in the 13 years since his retirement in 1984.

If children today are benefit-

ing from a high quality of education, then the foundation for such success rests in large part with J. Douglas Hodgson, who died at Haliburton Hospital on December 11. It was his commitment to ensuring that the children of Haliburton County received an education equal to that of children in larger centres which made his stamp on local

education so strong and abiding.

"I wanted kids here to have a better education than I had had," he said in a conversation with The Echo in September, just a few days before the Haliburton school which was re-named in his honour celebrated its 25th anniversary. "I wanted them to have the same opportunities as

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Head Lake Park gets festive make-over

THE VILLAGE of Haliburton is really getting into the Christmas spirit, and much thanks has to be given to the municipality for mak-

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

ing this possible. Last week, the roads department installed a tall snow-

man made of lights in Head Lake Park in front of the bandshell. He was made by Sandi Banny, a Haliburton Lake cottager, and paid for by the recreation committee. Then, a few days later, Del Sharp Electric was out installing Christmas lights on many of the trees in the park for the municipality. At night, with the twinkling lights and the happy symbol of winter, it's all quite magical. Thanks also for the festive music played over the loudspeakers on the main street, helping put everyone into a festive mood.

There is a way of getting around postal strikes - air mail, but we're talking real air mail, not airplane mail. On November 24, Charles Lutz found a heli-

um-filled balloon caught in a tree in his yard in Donald. Attached to it was a note, asking the receiver to let the sender know the balloon had arrived safely. The sender lived in South Bend, Indiana, and the surprising thing is the balloon had been set afloat only two days earlier. Mr. Lutz, not depending on the wind to send his message to the right destination, waited until the mail strike was over before mailing his reply the old-fashioned way.

On Sunday, a rink with the Haliburton Seniors Curling Club travelled to Fenelon Falls for a bonspiel and came home the winners, beating out a "very good team from Huntsville" for the finals. Congratulations to Skip Peter Shephard, Vice Bill Hare, Lead Percy McBain and Second Ralph Young.

Dysart opens the doors to Sunday openings at LCBO

It looks as though people will be able to shop at Haliburton's liquor store on Sundays.

While members of Dysart et al council didn't vote in favor of year-round Sunday openings, they didn't vote against it, either.

Instead, council opted to steer clear of the contentious issue, leaving the Liquor Control Board of Ontario to decide what it wants to do.

The LCBO recently sent municipalities across the province a letter, asking permission to open liquor outlets within their boundaries seven days per week.

But Dysart council feels the decision should lie only with the LCBO, not municipalities.

"I have a problem with council dealing with this issue," said deputy-reeve Bill Davis. "... This is none of our business."

If councils do not pass a by-law against Sunday openings, the LCBO will base its decision, outlet by outlet, on whether it's economically justified to have the seventh business day.

Meanwhile, Glamorgan council has deferred making a decision on its LCBO outlet until its January meeting.

"I have a real problem getting involved in this stuff. Is it our business," asked Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner at Wednesday's meeting.

"We certainly were involved in getting it here," said Reeve Elva Bates, who wants to be able to talk to the store's manager to get her views before council discusses it.

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Teachers at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden let their hair down (and curled it up) to put on a show for their students Thursday afternoon. The wrap-up assembly was a reward to the students who sold nearly \$23,000 in magazine subscriptions, raising more than \$7,000 for the school. Clockwise from top, left: Linda Shantz delivers her promise to have a really bad hair day; student Darrin Brown hits principal Peter Forgrave in the face with a whipped cream pie -- a reward for being one of the top magazine sellers; Mr. Forgrave doesn't mind the taste of the pie; Ray Johnson's pet pouch performs a waltz for the audience; Bonnie Berry alias Red Green duct tapes a wandering student to his chair; appreciative students in the audience react; and vice-principal Rosie Kenney, who was given a make-over by the Grade 7 and 8 students, and principal Peter Forgrave compliment each other on their new looks. In the middle row, Raylene Clark (below) models the facial she was given by the Grade 7B boys; and Rosalie Howard and Brenda Callaghan opened the show by singing the national anthem, en francais.



Hodgsons loved education and politics

FROM page 1

students in the rest of the province."

It wasn't an easy task. In the year before he was asked to be principal of the Haliburton County District High School, not one Grade 13 student passed. Six years later, in 1969, when he was appointed as the first director of the Haliburton County Board of Education, he had to form a cohesive administration to oversee all schools in the county — until then, each school had its own board — and he had to endure public anger when he and his new board decided to close several rural schools and build a new Grade 3 to 8 school in Haliburton and expand Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

"He didn't like centralization, but he felt larger schools could provide more facilities, such as gyms and libraries," says Len Salvatori, a long-time friend and board trustee whom Hodgson

asked to give his eulogy.

In the midst of all the controversy, Hodgson had to overcome two very painful, personal losses. His 13-year-old son John, who had suffered with leukemia, died in 1970 and that same year, his father, C.W. Hodgson died. Salvatori says Doug received word of his father's passing at 6:30 one night and was at a board meeting an hour later, a testament to his dedication.

Family was the other deeply important facet of Hodgson's life. Born the second of seven children to Clayton and Phyllis (née Dart) Hodgson in Haliburton, he was inculcated with his family's passions for hard work, politics, education and civic duty. Four of the children — Doug, Anna, Margaret and Tom — would go into education while two — Glenn and Lou — would follow in their father's political footsteps. A seventh child died in infancy.

In Doug's youth, the

Hodgsons had social standing because they were involved in the lumber industry and Clayton was the long-standing Member of Parliament for the riding. But Doug always pointed out that social standing doesn't necessarily translate into wealth. He started working — hard, physical labour — before he was a teenager, primarily in the family's lumber camps. It was here he said he learned to be a story teller. At night, with no electricity and no radio, let alone television, the men would entertain themselves by telling stories, each competing for the best punch line or biggest response of laughter.

Doug's love of politics might have been born in all those car rides he took with his father during election campaigns, and all the stories his father would tell of life in politics. He became a consummate reader of political memoirs and critiques, extending his vast knowledge into the

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AS MANY REMEMBER HIM: This photo of the late Doug Hodgson was taken at Betty and Len Salvatori's cottage in summer, 1996.

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Teaching was a way to touch students' lives

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realm of the American civil war. When he married his high school history student, Barbara Brintnell, she laughs when she remembers the two photographs in the bedroom — one of Sir John A. MacDonald and one of Sir Sam Hughes. "I was going to learn history, even if it was in my sleep."

His own education started in Haliburton, where he completed Grade 12 before getting the opportunity to finish his last year at Upper Canada College, where he earned the heavy-weight boxing championship. Such physical fitness stood him in good stead when he returned to Haliburton to teach to a one-room school in rural Harburn. He'd cross country ski the nine miles into Haliburton to play hockey at night or spend the weekends at home.

After this first year, he decided to go to Queen's University to get his degree. Graduation saw him moving to Plattsville to teach for a year before coming back to the Haliburton high school to teach from 1953-55. Former history student Doreen Elstone remembers him as a "wonderful" teacher who brought the lessons to life, even though he was known to digress a time or two. It was here that principal Norm Sisco encouraged him to take the required courses to become a principal.

It was also here that he fell in love with his Grade 12 student, Barbara Brintnell of Minden. They married at the Minden United Church that summer and then moved to Stratford for a year. They returned to Haliburton for three years before Hodgson accepted his first principal's job in Millbrook, where he stayed from 1959 to 1963.

Salvatori says it was Hodgson's strong leadership skills which led the local high school board to ask him to return, this time as principal. The school was in trouble, and Hodgson was seen as a person who could make things right.

And he returned their faith in him by introducing changes which would see local students excel above the provincial average in just a few years.

"He so often told me that teaching was so gratifying because it touches the lives of young people," says Salvatori, adding that his friend always took a keen interest in how those former students advanced through life.

In 1969, as part of a province-wide initiative, each school's own board was disbanded and replaced by a county-wide board. Hodgson was asked to be its first director and together with a small staff, they set up office in the space above Varty's Jewellery on Haliburton's main street.

Joan Chapple, his long-time office administrator, said "Doug expected hard work, loyalty and a deep commitment from his fellow workers. In return, he was unfailing in his support, encouragement, friendship and concern for our welfare."

"He taught me that the most important part of teaching was listening," said present HHSS principal Gary Brohman at the funeral. "No matter how busy he was, he was only a phone call away" if a teacher had a concern or problem.

"You give people character by making them confident about themselves," Hodgson told *The Echo* in September. He explained his own work ethic by saying "You'll never get anyone to work unless you're working yourself."

When it came to controversy, and there were a few, Hodgson said "I was very direct because I had to be... I felt I could stand everything." He also pointed out that "no one has been fired in the system since I retired," a task he didn't like, but was willing to do if he felt standards weren't being maintained.

During this conversation in September, Hodgson told two stories which revealed a lot about his deep compassion for

his students, especially those who were economically disadvantaged.

From his office one day in winter, he could see that one little girl didn't have appropriate winter clothes. He also knew her family background, so he knew her family couldn't afford them. He asked his women staff and teachers to donate warm clothes they no longer needed, gathered them together and put his kids in the car for a drive to the girl's house. She was so grateful for the kindness that she wanted to give him a gift in return, so she offered him one of her dog's young puppies. The last thing Hodgson needed was a new responsibility, but knowing the little girl would be hurt if he said no, "this yappy dog" was bundled up for the drive to its new home.

The other story involved a private "fund" Hodgson kept. Let's say a school sold an old boiler for \$100. Hodgson wouldn't tell

the board because he knew the money would be placed in general revenues. Instead, he used the money to buy lunches for students who couldn't afford to.

"He served all the people and that's what made him great," said Salvatori.

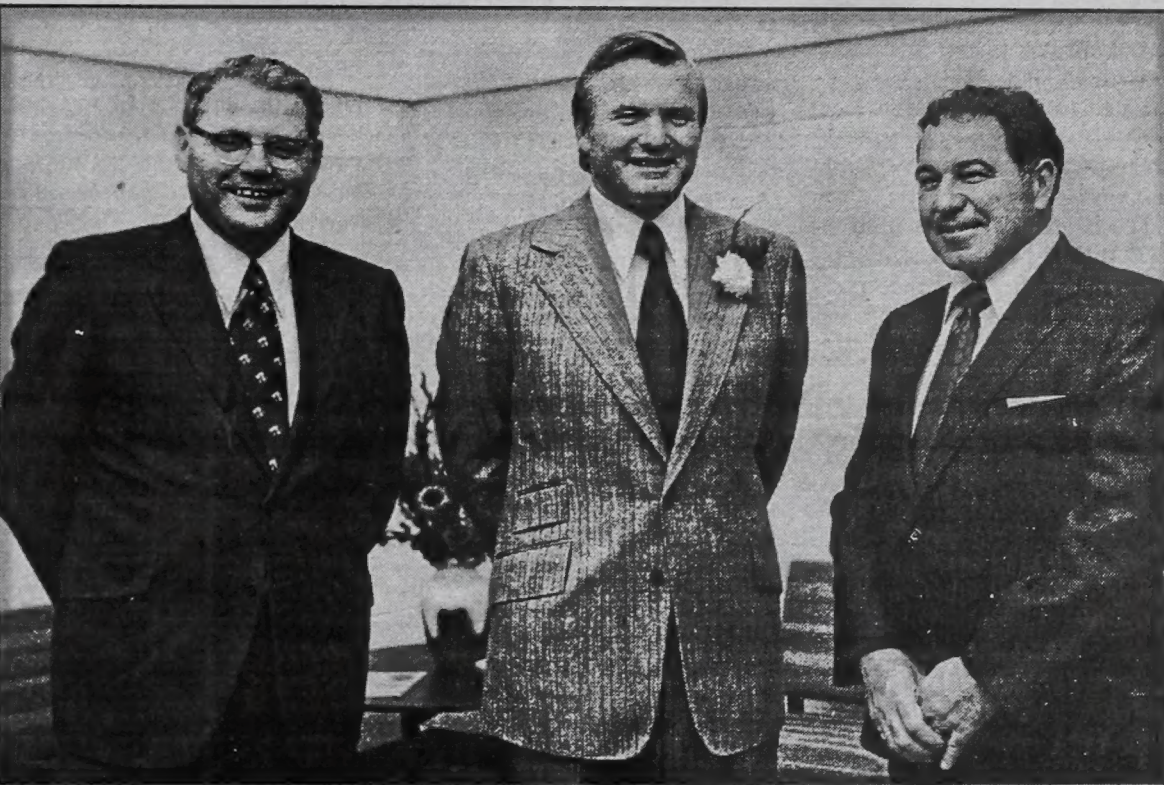
Certainly, it seemed "all the people" attended the visitations at Monks Funeral Home and funeral Saturday afternoon at St. George's Anglican Church. From those who remembered his kindness to the political leaders of the province, people came to honour his memory and his dedication. (Premier Mike Harris, Finance Minister Ernie Eves, Community and Social Services Minister Janet Ecker and several MPPs also came out of respect and condolence for Hodgson's son Chris, who's the Chairman of Management Board and Minister of Northern Development and Mines. During the eulogy, which was full of laughter in remembrance of a friend

who laughed so much, Salvatori said "Doug would phone me at night and we'd solve the problems of the world. We should have taped them and given them to Premier Harris.")

But for all of Hodgson's public contributions, it was his dedication to his family which proved to be his most significant source of pride.

A few weeks before he died, Hodgson and Salvatori stood on the deck at Hodgson's home on Haliburton Lake. On the beach, the children and grandchildren were playing. After watching them for several minutes, Hodgson turned to Salvatori and said "These kids will form what society will be like. They'll shape the world the way they want it. We've had our turn."

And it was with that same confidence that Doug Hodgson used his turn to help shape the local education system into something everyone could be proud of.



A PROUD MOMENT: In 1972, Doug Hodgson, Premier Bill Davis and trustee Len Salvatori officiated at the opening of the new elementary school in Haliburton. When Hodgson retired as director of education in 1984, they re-named the school in his honour. Everyone was very pleased he was able to make it to the 25th anniversary celebrations this past September.

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Crown land study group needs to widen focus

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The provincially-appointed research group studying uses for Ontario's Crown land needs to expand its focus to include development guidelines for adjacent private property.

That was the recommendation given by one of the many delegates who appeared at a marathon public meeting held by Lands for Life last week in Haliburton.

Lands for Life was established by the Ministry of Natural Resources last winter to create new land use planning policies for Crown lands.

Three round table committees were struck to look at different areas of the province and consult with the public.

The Highlands falls within the 110,000-square-kilometre Great Lakes-St. Lawrence planning area which stretches north

to Wawa at Lake Superior, south to Arnprior on the Ottawa River, west to Honey Harbour on Georgian Bay and east to the Quebec border near Kirkland Lake.

The round table for this area met over three days from Tuesday to Thursday last week at the Wigamog Inn.

On Wednesday the 13-member group, which includes Cardiff cottager Gerry Hunnius, listened to 31 presentations during a grueling schedule from 2:30 p.m. to midnight from groups that use Crown land or have interests in it.

Among the diverse list of presenters were several local groups and organizations, including the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Haliburton Field Naturalists, the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association and Minden District Forestry Services Inc.



LOCAL INPUT: For three days at Wigamog Inn last week, the Lands for Life research group listened to submissions about the Ministry of Natural Resources' new policies for Crown land. Some local participants were, from right, Larry Hewitt of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Peter Brogden of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists and Dysart planner Pat Martin

Bob List, a land use planner, urged members of the round table to develop guidelines dictating uses not only for Crown lands, but also for the neighbouring privately owned property.

Fish and wildlife cross back and forth between Crown and private lands with no regard to borders. As a result, it's important to ensure the lands are governed by similar policies if the wildlife is to be managed effectively, said List.

"I know of few species that respect political boundaries."

Round table chairman Bob Gray told List that members of the group understand their policy

recommendations will also have an impact on private land adjacent to Crown lands.

"We have been thinking about it," he said, noting that the round table will take the issue into consideration as it prepares a final report.

Among the local speakers, Kara Mitchell of the Haliburton Field Naturalists briefed round table members on a number of area heritage issues. She said there is a need for life science inventories and planning policies for sensitive wildlife species in forest management areas.

Larry Hewitt of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association outlined activities the association has undertaken with the MNR to preserve fish habitats in area lakes, as well as trout stocking initiatives it has undertaken.

Bryan Kernohan of Minden District Forestry Services

described the partnership of local logging companies and sawmills that hold cutting rights on Minden's Crown Forest.

Gus Janning of the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association asked round table members to consider the importance of compatible uses of waterfront lands in their recommendations.

Last week's meeting concluded the first phase of presentations, to be heard by the round table, following a series of 10 sessions.

The committee will now evaluate the submissions it received before forming a number of land use options that will be made public early next year during a second phase of meetings.

Ultimately, the three round tables will recommend land use strategies to be adopted by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Liberal riding association has new executive

On the evening of December 10, the Ontario Liberal Party held its founding meeting for the newly revised riding of Victoria Haliburton at the Ops Community Centre.

The creation of a new riding association was necessitated by the restructuring and reduction of the 130 provincial ridings to 103 ridings. The citizens in the geographic areas of Brock Township, Manvers Township, Millbrook and Cavan Township, Harvey Township, Galway and Cavendish Townships, Chandos Township and

Burleigh & Anstruther Townships have now become provincial electors in the Victoria Haliburton Provincial Riding. This jurisdiction does parallel the current federal riding.

The provincial electors in Oxtongue Lake and Sherborne et al will now become part of the revised Parry Sound Muskoka Riding.

Part of the process included the election of executive officers and directors. The new association is president is Sharon McCrae.

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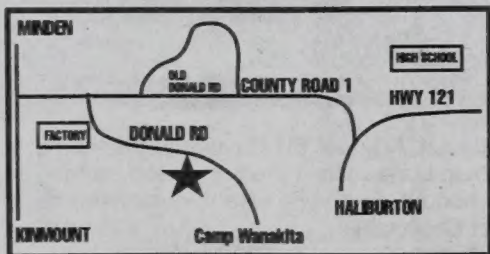
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CLIFF DAWSON

In business and through his community work, exemplary citizen earned the respect of others

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The gentle man of Haliburton's main street was known for his twinkling smile, quiet voice and his hard work in making his community strong and vibrant.

Cliff Dawson, who passed away on December 12, was the founder of Cliff Dawson Insurance. He started the main street business circa 1952 after working briefly at his uncle Lorne Dawson's insurance business in Minden. In the years which followed, Dawson gained the respect and friendship of many residents and cottagers, both for his business ethic and his commitment to the community.

He was chairman of the committee which oversaw the planning and construction of both Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Legion Apartments. The addition of these two facilities provided much-needed living arrangements for the growing seniors population, who needed affordable, well-maintained apartments so they could live safely and happily in their own community.

He first gained experience in building new facilities by being chairman of the Haliburton Legion committee which oversaw the construction of the present Legion hall and auditorium. He was Legion president at one time, and was made an honorary life member in recognition of his many contributions. In 1991, he was awarded the Legion's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal.

The same dedication to a service organization was found in his commitment to the Haliburton Rotary Club, which he joined in 1952. He was president in 1958-59 and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary International

Foundation. He also received the Fred Jones Memorial Award.

Other it seems hard to contemplate how he found the time, he was also treasurer at St. George's Anglican Church for more than 30 years, managed minor hockey teams, volunteered with the Boy Scouts of Canada, was a member of the North Entrance Masonic Lodge and was an active participant at the Haliburton Curling Club. The business was passed down to his son Arthur and his daughter Kathy Foster also works

there.

He was born in 1920, the second oldest of eight children born to Berta Victoria MacBrien and Milton Leslie Dawson of Stanhope. Baptized at St. Peter's Maple Lake, he attended school at S.S. #5 Stanhope, where he completed Grade 8.

During World War II, he served four years with the Royal Canadian Air Force on active service in England and North Africa and was discharged in 1946.

In 1950, he married Betty

Carnochan at Bonnie View Inn and they had three children: Arthur, who now owns the insurance business, Paul, and Kathy Foster, who also works at Dawson Insurance.

Throughout all his years in Haliburton, Cliff Dawson was a man who worked quietly but tirelessly for the betterment of his community. Always smiling, his charm belied a determination to always do whatever was possible to make Haliburton a good place for all to live.



WORKING FOR HIS COMMUNITY: This photo of Cliff Dawson was taken at the tree planting ceremony honouring the 10th anniversary of Parklane Apartments this past summer.



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Editorial

A rich legacy

EVERY LIFE LIVED is to be valued and every life lost is to be mourned. There is no hierarchy of who is more important, either in life or in death, and everyone's passing is felt as keenly by their families and friends. That said, however, there are some people whose lives are lived more in the public eye than others', and their deaths therefore become a bit more public. This past week, the county had an expression of this in the passing of Doug Hodgson, the retired director of education for Haliburton County.

It's not being melodramatic to say that Mr. Hodgson, and others his age, represent a lost era. No other generation has experienced such tremendous social and economic upheaval: born just as the Depression was becoming entrenched as a way of life, youthful when the world was at war, on the road to adulthood as the country rebounded with unprecedented economic growth, and then growing old at a time when all the things they valued seem tossed aside by younger generations who are not willing to make the same sacrifices.

For men of this generation, the sacrifice usually meant putting their job's demands over their own as individuals and family men. Remembering what it was like when so many people had no jobs during the Depression, it was as if they felt an obligation to honour their "luckiness" in finding employment by pouring their energies into their work, as a sort of offering of thanksgiving for the blessing of being employed (or, compared to those who had died overseas at war, just being alive.) They didn't think of giving themselves raises or hiring more staff to make their jobs easier; that would have been a breach of the trust placed in them by those who paid their wages, and in Doug's case, that was the people of Haliburton County, people whom he knew didn't have much more money to give.

When he started his teaching career, teachers' salaries were quite meagerly and there were few, if any benefits, especially if you spent your summers taking courses which would help you advance through the system. Advance he did and it was as the first local director of education that he was to have his greatest influence. As Gary Brohman said at Saturday's funeral, Doug was the Minister of Education in Haliburton County, having a very direct say in virtually all aspects of school life.

You can look at this influence in two ways. If you're politically correct, you'd call him an autocrat, a man who used power and control to run the board with personal determination. If you judge him based on the results, you'd say he was a man who asked nothing more from others than what he was willing to give himself, and that his over-riding commitment was to the students of Haliburton County and their right to have the best education possible. Such commitment required personal sacrifice on his part, so he wasn't about to suffer those who weren't willing to do the same.

He was a man who cared deeply about children as individuals. As his son Andrew said, he didn't just judge their success by academic achievement. If they were a good carpenter or a good mechanic or a good doctor, they were all making him proud. He cared deeply about those who were economically disadvantaged, and what's more, he did something about it. Like his commitment to his church, he put his belief in the value of each and every student into action. His compassion took an emotional toll sometimes, as if every student's problem in part became his own, with an accompanying compulsion to do something to help.

Using a philosophical approach to his role of a manager, he deliberately nurtured staff's sense of loyalty to the board and to their students. In an conversation at The Echo this past September, he said "you give people character by making them confident about themselves." He did this by listening to them, encouraging them, making them feel they could pass this inspiration on to their students. He made them feel their jobs had value. At the office, his philosophy was "you'll never get anyone to work unless you're working yourself," and work they all did. As a result, his staff had a deep loyalty to and fondness for him as a man.

During the last conversation The Echo had with him in September, Doug quoted Theodore Roosevelt: You can either leave your children money or a good name. As the name of Doug Hodgson was evoked in countless conversations this past week, he left his family a very rich legacy indeed. God rest his soul. M.P.



The Gull River

by Peter Downs

Letters to the Editor

Volunteers, donors made Feast of Foods a success

To the Editor:

The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Foundation would like to publicly thank the many volunteers and businesses who made our first fundraising dinner, "A Feast of Foods", a resounding financial success.

The real wonder of the evening was that so many contributed. The monies raised through this event will be matched by the Ontario government and are to become our part of the Ontario Student Trust Fund which distributes the bursaries. With increased tuition fees and fewer financial options, there will be a greater need to support students through scholarships and bursaries. Attendees at the function were given a first glimpse at an architect's model of a future campus.

The chefs were the stars of the evening. The foods they prepared showcased talents that can't go unappreciated after such an event. They were Chris Carl, The Old Country House; Ron Tenthory and Alex McCracken, The Chocolate Moose; Chris Baux, Sir Sam's Inn; Chris and Dianne Letard, Domain of Killien; Darrel Howie, PineStone Resort; and Carlos Fuenmayor, Wigamog Inn. Assistance was ably given by Janet Cray, Joel Grossman, David Chambers and Rob Andrus. Most of the menu was able to be prepared at Sir Sam's Inn courtesy of owner Jim Orr. A great deal of energy and masterful organization resulted in an incredible variety of delicacies served to an appreciating crowd. It is a long list of acknowl-

edgements to Marcus Carl, The Old Country House and Ecotourism students Joanne Halcovitch, Graham Borgdorff and Jennifer Poole as volunteer bartenders; to high school students Jordanna Bain, Kristi Bowskill-Bolin, Elizabeth Brown, Jocelyn Eastmure, Alexandra and Victoria Fenninger and Konan Wendt as waiters and waitresses; to the Bishop family who surrendered the ski lodge to be turned into a restaurant; to Angela Reed and Sheila Rowell who acted as hostesses; to Butcher Block, ValuMart, Kawartha Dairy, Strano's, Magnotta Wines who either donated or gave at cost food for the menu; to Sir Sam's Inn, Wigamog and PineStone who offered tablecloths and napkins; to Lindsay Cleaners

who donated all the cleaning; and to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary who supplied the dishes. There were also ticket sellers, ticket takers, bookkeepers, decorators, and transporters of goods.

With the proceeds from "A Feast of Foods", we have realized to date approximately \$88,000 with matched dollars to the Trust Fund. Further donations to the fund can be made by phoning 457-1680, Sir Sandford Fleming College. A sizeable fund will ensure that we have a strong student assistance program for future students to attend our campus.

Carole Finn
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Generous community helps many stay warm this winter

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people of our community who donated to the Share the Warmth Coat Drive. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people.

I would like to personally thank the CIBC, the Bank of Montreal, V&S Dept. Store and Home Hardware in Haliburton for allowing me to place donation boxes in their establishments. A special thanks to Lakeside Baptist Church and Mike Easton who so generously donated space for this event.

So many people will now be able to enjoy our long, cold win-

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

MY KIDS ARE right into Christmas carols this year, especially our youngest, Sophie. I guess she is trying to prove that although she is too young to be a member of the choir, she can belt out a tune with the best of them. And even though the tune is no problem, some of the words are a bit tricky. She was singing in earnest about the "Surgeon Mary" the other night. In another hymn, she seemed to have "Jesus going to Sears" and she actually asked me who "Harold" the Angel was.

One of her current favourites is "The Twelve Days of Christmas" although she doesn't have a hope of getting any of the words right.

And why should she? I realize that it is the thought that counts, but I

will publicly confess that if Kirk comes home with a partridge in a pear tree, I will be seriously distressed. And like, I really need nine ladies dancing through my house, along with six geese laying. No thanks! No, my true love knows the kind of thing I'm looking for and it will probably go something like this:

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, new glasses so I can see.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, two matching gloves (not smelly kids mittens) and

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three working pens (I'm tired of using markers, crayons and broken pencils to signs important documents)

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, four books of words (to go with these, I would like some uninterrupted time in which to read them).....

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, FIVE COATS HANGING UP (I'd be pushing if I asked for snow pants too)....

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, six sets of suppers (this does not include take-out or Kraft dinner)...

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, seven mugs a-brimming (with hot coffee, preferably on a Sunday morning)....

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, eight maids (I don't mind if they don't milk)...

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, nine ladies dancing (actually, the same lady going out dancing nine times would be fine, dear).....

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, ten trips of shopping (grocery that is)...

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, eleven loads of laundry (I just love good alliteration, especially when it is fluffed and folded)...

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, twelve rolls of T.P. (if you read my column a few weeks ago, you know of what I speak)...

It really isn't an extravagant list. Everything can be done locally, and

can even be reduced, re-used and/or re-cycled. What could be better?

But seriously, my true wish for the season is good health and happiness for my loved ones and for all of you and yours. Merry Christmas and all the best for a wonderful, safe and joyful holiday. Cheers, Anne



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman



Pic of the Past

When John and Miranda Peacock married, they started a dynasty of Peacocks by having 12 children. This photo was taken in 1946 on the Peacock farm on White Lake near Irondale. It shows Mrs. Peacock, second from right, with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Theo (Theresa)

Peacock, granddaughter Mrs. Norman Gilmore of Kinmount, and family friend Luella Griffin. Sadly only Mrs. Gilmore is alive today. Our thanks to Mrs. Griffin's daughter, Mary Ferns of Irondale, for sharing the photo with us.

Buses need parents as monitors

Bureaucracy at its worst has a tendency to complicate that which is simple and straightforward, obscure the clear and obvious, and generate mountains of paperwork in order to produce the occasional molehill of meaningful results. "Well-trained" bureaucrats develop the survival instincts of a ten year old buck in hunting season. They shrink from making decisions and duck responsibility wherever possible. They are discouraged from rethinking their roles in the organization or trying new approaches to persistent problems. Losing sight of the fact that institutions are designed to help ordinary people live up to their potential, they often try to change human nature to fit the needs of their organization.

In a county as big as Haliburton, school busing is essential to the education of most of our students, and busing issues have always been a touchy subject. Normal, ram-bunctious kids are expected to settle down and behave themselves, without supervision, when they are traveling to and from school. Unfortunately, many of them don't, and the situation can become dangerous at



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Lon Duncombe

times as the distracted driver tries to supervise his charges and drive the bus in a safe manner as well. Drivers, parents and the public in general are naturally concerned about a situation that has been going on as long as I can remember.

Now, I might be hopelessly naive here, but it would seem

'For reasons unknown, the school board rejected an offer from a group of parents to serve as bus monitors.'

logical that parents would make ideal school bus supervisors. They understand kids and can usually control their own, if not others. I'm sure that many would volunteer to ride the back of the bus as a community service, and in fact, several years ago a bunch of concerned parents did approach the board of education to do exactly that. And although this approach worked well in other communities, for reasons unknown our board rejected the offer, and the

same dangerous situation continues to exist..

In another questionable decision, school kids are now required to board the bus at designated pick up points that force many of them to walk up to 2 kilometres per day. And although the exercise in itself would no doubt do most children good, there are no doubt safer ways of getting it than walking along the side of icy roads in the pre-dawn darkness. And of course the kids without access to private transportation are usually the ones who live in the remotest areas of the county.

So, in the end, many of our children are being exposed to danger twice a day on two fronts. If they don't get run over trying to catch the bus, they may be injured in a bus accident on the way to school. And ditto for the trip back. And when the inevitable injury occurs there will be well deserved lawsuits and maybe even an inquest. And you and I will pay a heavy psychological price for the aftermath of a tragedy which we all knew was avoidable.

I think it's time for parents to reclaim control of their children's lives.

Thanks for sharing the warmth

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ter, thanks to the people who took the time to search through their closets and basements for unused winter outerwear and those who knit warm socks, mitts and hats. I would also like to thank Pastor Brian Plouffe, Sue Grieves, Nancy Hogen, Stephanie Smith, Cybertech, Rosemarie Jung, SIRCH, Lyn Duncombe, Mingles Care and Beatrice Hutchins. Without your help, this could never have happened.

Finally, to this wonderful community we live in, Merry Christmas and thank you for Sharing the Warmth.

Rebecca McMurray
Haliburton

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



Teens' interest in skiing surges ahead

■ Students get in early practice for big competition

The early ski season is upon us, and the trails are starting to be used as of this writing. A hardy few hit the trails for a few early season kilometers at Glebe Park on the weekend of the 6th and 7th. Unfortunately, well-groomed trails and

NORDIC NOTES

Blake Paton

extra snow in Ottawa called some of us away to ski elsewhere, so I do not have the satisfaction of laying the first tracks in the county.

This early season use is especially useful for competitive skiers who need to get in shape for races. This is the case with the young team from H.H.S.S., which this year is 37 skiers strong, a new record for

the high school! This is surely partly due to the provincial secondary school (OFSAA) championships being held here in February.

Early season skiing is also a great way to get relief from the dark days of November, and it is always a celebration to finally get the skis out in Haliburton. It is fun to ski at other areas, but traditional alternatives, such as Hardwood Hills in Orillia, have grown increasingly expensive, and now seem like a luxury trip. Every year, however, the trails in this area improve for increased early season

use.

A word of advice for those keeners who like to dive into the season: pace yourself. Even if the skiing is wonderful, you will not be able to enjoy it if you injure yourself by doing too much too fast.

The new ski clubhouse is now ready for winter use at Glebe Park in Haliburton, and it is largely due to volunteer effort and determination that this project has become a reality for us. The next step will be to follow up next summer with further renovations and refurbishment to make the clubhouse more attractive and useful for all of us. In the meantime, thanks and congratulations to all who helped.

There is still a need for additional items for the clubhouse, and this is put most succinctly by Marcel Crete, the man who has done a lot of the work thus far: "We need tables, chairs, electric range, toaster, kettle, coffee-maker, pots & pans, kitchen utensils, cutlery, dishes, radio, refrigerator, drywall, hammers, lumber, paneling, volunteers, ladders and any other things you may think of." Contact him at 457-3198 to donate items.

Please don't forget to renew your Ski Club membership. The deadline for renewals that go into that big bin for the fantastic draw prizes is fast approaching. Call Margaret at 754-2351 if you need an application.

Finally, a word for those last-minute Santas: water-bottle carriers that fit around the waist make a good Christmas gift for long-distance skiers. Gift certificates for wax and other items are also welcomed gifts. As Charles Dickens said, "Let your generosity be well represented."

Lightning fails to strike as PeeWee A Huskies win

by DAVE BROWN

The Haliburton PeeWees enjoyed another home game on Saturday when they met up for a rematch against the Mariposa Lightning.

Initially, Mariposa managed to prevent the Huskies from cycling behind their net but the Huskies broke the ice when Justin Sharpley set up Travis Bain after a goal mouth scramble. Travis' backhand found the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Matt Brown and Brandon Bowman tic tac toed the puck out to Travis Bain who picked up his own rebound. Shortly after that, Travis scored his second of the game while Haliburton was shorthanded with a nice effort cutting in from the corner, around the defense and sliding the puck between the goalie's legs.

Early in the second period, Justin

Sharpley sent a pass out the blue line as Joel Cooper was coming off the bench. Joel kept the puck on side and rifled a wrist shot to the corner. Nice one. Haliburton started to hit more in this period with Joel, Justin and Garrett dealing out some punishing hits to the unwary. Justin Sharpley trickled one through the goalie's legs from a sharp angle after being fed by Chris Petrow. Joel Cooper picked up his second goal, moving into the slot to score after picking up a pass delivered by Chris Petrow from behind the net.

The Huskies ended the period with a comfortable 6-0 lead. Our goalies had not been tested to any degree at this point.

The third period continued with the Huskies' out muscling Mariposa. Ryan Hutson made a nice save in this period off a wicked Mariposa slap shot. At the

midpoint of this frame, Chris Petrow fed a great pass to Ben DeCarlo who had positioned himself perfectly in the slot. Ben buried the puck.

Haliburton rounded off their scoring with another shorthanded goal when Chris Petrow beat the defense to feather another perfect pass across the goal mouth to give Alex Ambridge the empty net to score the Huskies' eighth of the game.

Another shut out for Billy Hunter, Ryan Hutson and the boys in blue.

Thanks to Brandon Bowman who filled in for yet another injured Huskie. Darren Kirkpatrick popped his shoulder at practice.

If you would like to see a good match up, come out to the arena on Tuesday at 8:30 when we play Newcastle. The Huskies lost a close game to them back in October.



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Re-alignment creates tougher competition for Novice B Huskies

by VINCE DUCHENE

December 13 the Novice B Huskies began the second half of the season with four new teams in the league because of re-alignment. Things will be much tougher now with Beaverton, Mariposa, Minden, Wilberforce and Ops being our new loop.

Saturday's game was against Minden. This Minden team is a second Novice team that we hadn't faced before and through the grapevine we found out that they were a strong team. Our scouting report was certainly correct and we found out that this Monarch team had a dynamite goaltender and a superstar. Ah, but another challenge for our mighty Huskies.

Minden opened the scoring early in the first period when their superstar rushed end to end and found the back of our net. This goal lit a fire

under our boys. Ryan Scheffee tied the game when he received a cross ice pass from Matthew Duchene. That's when we really turned it on. Positionally we were perfect in this game and it showed as the game progressed. Dallyn Smith was in the right place at the right time and this goal late in the first period put us ahead for good.

Outstanding defense from Curtis Barker, Connor MacMillan, Kyle Little and Max Ambridge paid off as the Monarchs managed only four shots on net the entire game. Our forward lines of Matthew Duchene, Mitchell Vasey, Dallyn Smith, James Roberts, J.J. Jowett and Ryan Scheffee hemmed Minden in their own zone especially in the third period and managed to fire 20 shots on their goal.

A fantastic Husky effort all around earned us a 5 - 2 win on home ice and improved our record

to 12 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties on the year. This weekend we have a rematch with the Monarchs on their pond Saturday at 11:30 am and Sunday we travel to Ops for an afternoon game.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to J.J. Jowett for his solid two-way play and excellent forechecking. His tenacious style of play during this game helped us keep Minden in their own zone. Great effort J.J.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to James Roberts who had an amazing game at centre. He was instrumental in shutting down the superstar player Minden had and really didn't allow him a clear shot at our net after his early first period goal. Great job James, keep it up.

Until next week drive safely through this Holiday Season and we hope to see some of our faithful fans in Minden on Saturday.

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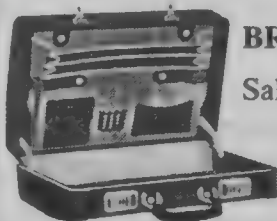
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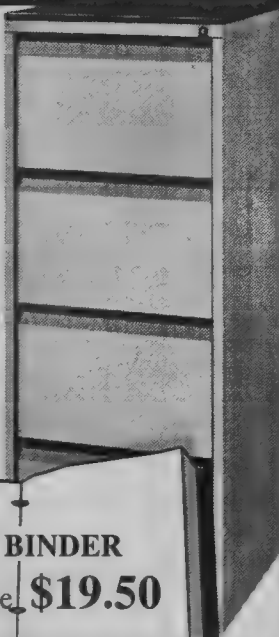
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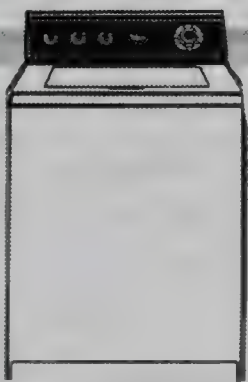
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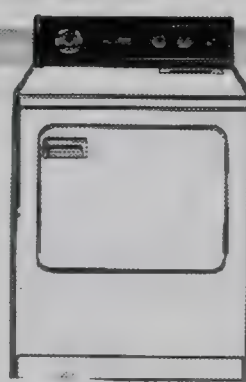
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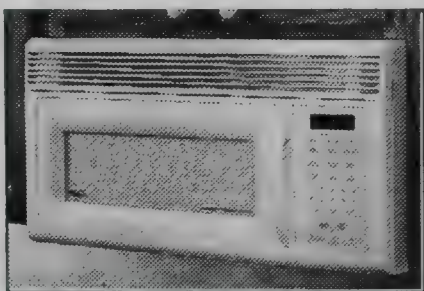
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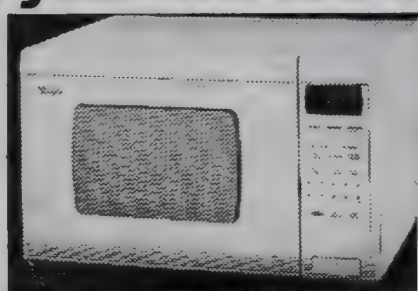
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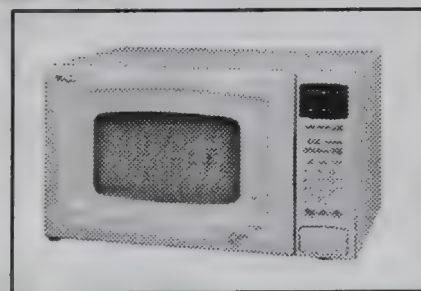
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China enters hockey market with 'Chinese checkers' and 'Peek 'n Duck' products

Christmas is almost upon us and I don't know about you but when I think of Christmas, I think of China - not the fine bone variety but the People's Republic of.

If you have ever perused the back side of just about any product these days, from high end equipment such as computers, right on down to Happy Meal toys, you'll find the familiar 'Made in China'.

Since old Pete Trudeau made friends with Mao way back when, the river of goods (mostly plastic doodads, whose eventual destination is various landfill sites) has turned into a flood.

At recent protests in Vancouver, demonstrators urged P.M. Chretien to stop dealing with the Chinese until they cleaned up their act with regards to human rights.

I wouldn't want to be the protester who avoids buying anything from China this Christmas, your kids would think that you're worse than the Grinch and Scrooge combined, when under the tree they find only a pair of Canadian-made wool socks (and even these would be hard to find!).

To tap into a new market, the Chinese have just released their own line of hockey equipment. Of course, all their equipment is red and they've come up with

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some catchy names for it. Shoulder pads are called 'Chinese checkers', goalie masks as 'Peek 'n Duck', jocks are called 'Number One Son' and their line of lumber is called 'Chop Sticks'! I'm going to rush right down to the new 'Beijing 'R Us' store and get me some!

Back in W.O.H.L. land, it was Apsley facing the Clarkson Plumbers in game one. It was 1-0 for the Plumbers after one, Luke Schell finding net. The second was scoreless with fine saves from Apsley's Dave Logan and the Plumbers' Kevin Finch. In the third, Apsley finally got on the board with one from David but the Plumbers responded with another from Schell and two from Dan Curry (Aunt Millie will be pleased!) to make the final Plumbers 4, Apsley 1.

In game two it was the battle of the 'Ws' as Whitney waged war with Wilberforce. It was tied at one after one, Monty Douglas for Whitney and Doug Tallman for Wilberforce. As in the previous game, the second

was scoreless, again with fine netminding from the Shimano's Denver Mayhew and the Ponder's Paul Raposo. As the third wound down, the Ponders' Tallman got another one to put Wilberforce in front but with just three minutes left, Whitney's Douglas scored to end it in a 2-2 tie. Without the Douglas's from both teams, this would have been a very low scoring game!

Game three saw Bancroft Canadian Tire meet the Haliburton Hawks. This game was all Hawks as they came at the Tiremen until they were redmen, the Hawks skating to a 12-5 victory. Bob Woodcock, Dan Ambridge, Rick Wood, Steve Roberts and Glen Sharpley all had two each. Singles went to Brian Mulholland and Ernie Bain. For Canadian Tire, it was Bill Fransky with a pair. Singles went to Dean Kellar, Al Gibbons and Jim Goodwin.

The boys have one more go at it before the Christmas break, Plumbers and Hawks at 7 p.m., Whitney and Apsley at 8:10 and Canadian Tire and Wilberforce at 9:20 p.m. (Remember boys, November 27 on your shed.)

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HHSS hockey Redmen add two more victories

Haliburton high school's hockey Redmen chalked up two more wins last week with a come-from-behind squeaker followed by a blow-out at home.

The Redmen were down 2-0 in Monday's road game against Kenner deep into the second period until Darren Mills scored his first goal of the game on an unassisted effort.

Kenner was unable to get back on the scoreboard for the remainder of the game as Haliburton netted two more goals for a narrow 3-2 victory.

Nick Kulas scored in the third for the Redmen, with assists going to Jarrett Rowden and Greg Luck.

Mills was helped out by Ryan Simioni and Dave Clark on his second score of the

night and Haliburton's final goal.

Wednesday's home game was anything but the low scoring affair two days earlier as the Redmen loaded nine goals into the Adam Scott net and let their opponents trigger the red light just once.

Matt Burk had a great night for Haliburton, scoring a hat trick and a trio of assists.

Also big on offense were Jarrett Rowden with two goals and two assists; Mike Morissette with one goal and four assists; and Darren Mills with a pair of goals. Dave Clark scored Haliburton's other goal, while Ryan Simioni had the other assist.

The Redmen, now second in the league, play Wednesday at home against TASS at 1:30 p.m.

Haliburton minor hockey home schedule

December 16

7 p.m. Atom A vs. Newcastle
8:30 p.m. PeeWee A vs. Newcastle

6 p.m. Bantam A vs. Millbrook
7:30 p.m. Midget A vs. Millbrook

December 19

7 p.m. Atom A vs. Minden
8:30 p.m. PeeWee A vs. Ops

December 21

3 p.m. PeeWee A/E vs. Ennismore
5:30 p.m. PeeWee C vs. Mariposa (in Wilb.)

December 20

11:30 a.m. Novice A vs. Mariposa
12:30 p.m. PeeWee C vs. Fenelon Falls
2 p.m. PeeWeeA/E vs. Orillia

December 23

7 p.m. Bantam A vs. Minden
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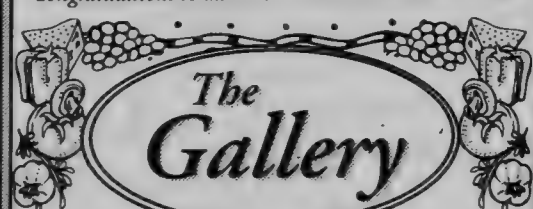
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PeeWee C Huskies turn up level of play

by SUE CLARKSON

The PeeWee C Huskies have been busy playing a lot of B teams of late and a couple of them are really worth reporting about. Two recent matches with Ennismore have seen the team improve in their goals for and against. In the last of those meetings, the team was able to get on the scoreboard first with a goal by Cory Sisson, assisted by Nick Judge. The Eagles landed one to tie it up but soon after Brandon Logan scored, assisted by Shea Horning and Kyle Espie. It was quite an accomplishment to be in the lead against this strong team.

Ennismore scored a few more to go into the lead in the second

period. The Huskies added another marker thanks to Jeff Packard, assisted by Shea and Andre Nichol in the third. Despite this loss, the team enjoyed scoring the three after being blanked in their last two matches. In each game, they become more competitive with this team. Matthew Davidson did a super job in goal making many excellent saves.

The second game was played on Wilberforce "home" ice with the second of two Fenelon Falls B teams last Sunday afternoon. Again, Matthew Davidson was in net and did an awesome job in the first two periods. By the end of the first, the Flyers had netted one goal and were able to score on a power play early in the sec-

ond. When the Huskies got their first power play, Cory Sisson was the sniper bringing the team within one, assisted by Brock Thomas. The second period was all Huskies but they were unable to capitalize with another goal, though they were able to prevent Fenelon from scoring as well. With no flood and having only two spares on the bench to Fenelon's seven, the Huskies ran out of steam with Fenelon scoring a few in the final period to take the win. Another day and more players will definitely see a different outcome with this Flyers team.

Keep up the hard work Huskies. It will pay off when you play 'C' teams during play-offs in February and March.

Basketball Redmen bounce back from tough loss to fell Falcons 59-47

The Junior Redmen Basketball team came out strong against the Fenelon Falls Falcons on Thursday night.

The boys had just come off a tough loss the day before and were slightly tired as the game began. The team soon settled down and gained their composure and forced many Falcon turnovers.

The strong defensive play of the Redmen helped get them a 27-21 lead after the first half. In the second half, the team just kept doing what they had been doing and cruised on to a 59-47 win.

It was a great performance by point guard Nick Cochrane, who controlled the game with great dribbling and shooting. Cochrane racked up 21 points in the outing. Jesse Sternberg also helped his team out with 18 points. The Redmen big men, Matt Reid, Taylor Goodman and Andrew Graham, played some good defense and grabbed lots of rebounds. Redmen were cheered on by a very loud crowd which made the perfect atmosphere for the boys' win.

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Ryan Wood's goal breaks tie for win late in the third

by SUE CLARKSON

The OMHA Bantam Huskies hosted Ops recently in what turned out to be an outstanding game before a large hometown crowd. Both teams turned on the power in the first, but despite two power play opportunities by the blue and white they were unable to capitalize.

In the second period Adam Clarkson received a pass behind the net from Ryan Wood (Woodsy) and backhanded one in between the pipes. With only five minutes left in the period and both teams still battling it out Ops tied the score.

All pistons were firing as the Huskies were determined to get the next point.

With a melee of players applying pressure around the net, Ryan Wood made no mistake decking the goalie to slide the puck passed to him by Jason Woodcox and Adam Clarkson.

In the third the Ops crew had great difficulty during their power play with the Husky 'D' keeping them from any shots on goal. The score remained 2-1 until Ops tied it up with 1:18 left in the third. (Around this time, Adam Wilson made a spectacular glove save that surely saved the game.)

Just when the crowd thought the outcome would stay in a tie, uncontrollable excitement erupted when Woodsy netted the game-winning goal, assisted by Dan Koz with only eight seconds remaining.

Great checking work by forwards, Bobby Hebert, Adam Henry and Ryan Emmerson. Outstanding game by Ryan Wood resulting in a point on each goal. Final Score: Huskies 3 - Ops 2. Thanks to Garrett

Pocket and Chris Petrow for assisting the team. Great team play!

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MNR recovers firefighting costs

The Ministry of Natural Resources has recovered almost \$30,000 of the cost for fighting forest fires as part of a ministry effort to reduce the number and costs of fighting preventable forest fires.

"Taxpayers should not be left picking up the bill for the irresponsible use of fire," said Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen. "Many forest fires are preventable if people exercise more common sense."

MNR will try to recover firefighting costs by laying more charges under the Forest Fires Prevention Act and seeking court orders to recover the costs of fighting preventable forest fires. Monies recovered will go into the province's general revenues. The ministry's approach is consistent with the 1995 Provincial Auditor's Report which recommended that MNR focus more attention on recovering the costs of fighting preventable forest fires.

On average, more than 700 forest fires a year in Ontario, about 60 per cent of forest fires, are caused by humans, often through carelessness. Fires caused by humans burn a relatively small area, about 13,000 hectares annually but cost millions of dollars to put out. Two court cases in 1997 led to the recovery of almost \$30,000 in firefighting costs. In each case, a fire on private land was left unattended.

MNR has established guidelines for anyone considering an outdoor fire during the fire season. These guidelines, under the Forest Fires Prevention Act of Ontario, require people to follow rules to ensure fires are set under safe conditions and kept under

control.

"Although Ontario's fire organization did a tremendous job this year, we need the co-operation of the public to reduce the threat of forest fires," said Snobelen.

Carnarvon bowling results

(Tuesday Nite Mixed League for the week ending Dec. 9).

Men: Bruce Cummings - High Average 237; Eric Burk - High Single 313, High Triple 762; Brian Murison - High Single HC 281; Ron Robinson - High Triple HC 758

Women: Spira Nitsos - High Average 201, High Single 240, High Single HC 260, High Triple 649, High Triple HC 709

(Wednesday Afternoon League for the week ending Dec. 3)

Men: Ken Thompson - High Average 223; Avar Edwards - High Single 330, High Single HC 359, High Triple 660, High Triple HC 747

Women: Helen Dentinger - High Average 189 (tie); Marie Thompson - High Average 189 (tie), High Single 285, High Single HC 315, High Triple 646, High Triple HC 736

(Thursday Afternoon League for the week ending Dec. 4)

Men: Ken Thompson - High Average 222; Ben Dentinger - High Single 290, High Single HC 321; Doug Burtch - High Triple 681, High Triple HC 777

Women: Marie Thompson - High Average 193; Jacquie Chamberlain - High Single 240, High Single HC 293, High Triple HC 708; Shirley Webb - High Triple 557

(Tuesday Afternoon League for the week ending Dec. 6)

Men: John Pugh - High Average 181; Ted Stephens - High Single 245, High Single HC 288; Gord Everall - High Triple 624, High Triple HC 738

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by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

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Dubbed by scientists as "the Haliburton lake trout," the recently identified fish are said to be the province's oldest and purest lake trout stock.

Husky Major Tykes bow to Selects in anticipated re-match

The last time these Huskie titans of Tykedom clashed was in Port Carling and they fought to a 2-2 tie in a spirited match. So, needless to say, the crowd was anticipating a rematch with all the same ingredients.

The Bracebridge Selects were ready but the Huskies seemed to leave their competitive spirit at home. The first period was close with the play going back and forth and when Bracebridge did get close, the Tykes' goalie, J.L. Frybort, came up big. However, eventually, the Selects started to score.

By the time Mac Trueman finally notched the Huskies' first goal, the Huskies were down 4-1 and the Selects went on to a 10-1 victory.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and the Ministry of Natural Resources have spawned a plan to collect eggs from the fish, raise them in a hatchery and then use them to stock some area lakes.

While the Haliburton trout may not be trophy fish — they're generally smaller than other genetic strains of trout — what has the MNR and the HHOA excited is how fast the fish mature and reproduce.

Three generations of the Haliburton trout can develop in the same time it takes two generations of typical trout to mature.

Other characteristics also make the fish an angler's dream.

"They're smaller, but they're more active, they're better tasting and they're easier to catch," said the MNR's fisheries extension biologist, Dave Flowers.

The trout have been identified in at least four lakes in Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve — Macdonald, Clean, Little Clean and Eyre Lakes.

The outdoors association and the MNR, which have been working together to protect and improve the county's trout fishery, are planning to collect eggs from the Haliburton strain next fall.

The fertilized eggs will be raised at the HHOA's trout hatchery outside Haliburton for about 18 months until the trout fingerlings are released in lakes still to be identified by the MNR and the outdoors association.

In late October, nine HHOA members participated in a three-day workshop on Manitoulin Island where they learned how to perform a wild egg collection.

Flowers praised the outdoors association for the work it has taken on at its hatchery and the dedication its members have shown.

Currently, volunteers with the HHOA are rearing 27,000 rainbow trout fingerlings and 6,500 lake trout fingerlings to be stocked in area lakes in the spring.

Soon the hatchery will receive another 10,000 trout eggs to be raised.

"The club is doing a lot of great work to rehabilitate the trout stock," said Flowers.

Members of the association will participate in an ongoing schedule of training sessions to further develop their fish culture skills and are considering a structured education program proposed by Sir Sandford Fleming College.

The association is also looking for funding partners to help continue its efforts by improving technology at the hatchery and possibly establishing a second facility near West Guilford.

To date, the MNR, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, various property owners' associations and numerous individuals have helped the group financially.

By helping to improve the area's trout fishery, the HHOA is hoping it may eventually be able to work out an agreement with the MNR to remove certain angling restrictions, such as slot size limits, that are now in place to help protect the fish.

The association also recognizes that increased fishing opportunities can help create more job opportunities and stimulate the economy.

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Dysart prepares for anticipated growth spurt

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at last Monday's meeting of Dysart et al council.

At a time when business appears ready to hit a growth spurt in the municipality, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey reminded councillors how important it is for them to help create opportunities for business owners through their policies and decisions.

"We'll see proposals for two or three major expansions in the next few months," Fearrey said at council's inaugural meeting last week. "... We need to be helpful to business were we can."

He recommended that council review its zoning and planning policies early in its three-year term to ensure they are not preventing new business opportunities.

"We haven't seen many of these kinds of business opportunities for the past six or seven years," he said. "There may only be a short window for them to take place. We don't want to see the municipality miss that."

Fearrey offered council's two new members — Ward 1 councillor Nancy Roberts and Ward 2 councillor Al Ferguson — a couple pieces of advice at their first official meeting.

He urged them to treat taxpayers and the municipality with fairness and to consider their all of their decisions very carefully.

"We have to be careful of the precedents we set. Once we make a judgment, it will surface again and again."

Fearrey told council the issue of restructuring has not been removed from the table at county council.

However, it has been set aside while the municipalities wait to see the impact of the many new services they will be taking over from the provincial government.

Reverend Harry Morgan read a passage about authority and servitude from the Bible to council and prayed on council's behalf for guidance during the upcoming term.

Kennisis development

A development company with extensive holdings on Kennisis Lake is proposing to develop up to 21 additional lots on the lake's southern shore.

Shall-May, which has been developing sections of Kennisis since 1963, told council it hasn't yet done a detailed plan to determine the exact number of lots it can create on the piece of property.

However, there is enough space likely to develop 20 or 21 "very big" lots, surveyor Paul Wilson told council on the development company's behalf.

Each of the lots would be about four or five acres with frontage on the lake of between 200 and 700 feet.

Wilson said a lake capacity expert's study indicates Kennisis has "virtually unlimited capacity" because its water quality is so high and the water in the lake

flushes so frequently.

Gary Vasey of Shall-May said the company has received some negative feedback to its development plans from other property owners on the lake.

Many of the newer residents don't realize that the large stretch of undeveloped shoreline on the lake's south side is slated for cottages and they want to see left undeveloped, he said.

In addition to the 21 new lots it's planning, Shall-May owns a five-mile section of lakefront land on Kennisis that has already been approved for 95 lots.

Vasey said the development company is hoping to see all of the lots accessed by private roads that branch off a core road built to municipal standards that connects to County Rd. 7.

Shall-May will have to submit a formal development proposal to council for the new 21 lots.

Wilson said the company is willing to create the lots either by plan of subdivision or through severance.

DYMO bus

The DYMO bus, which transports elderly and disabled residents throughout the county, could soon be on the road toward privatization.

Currently the bus is operated by the municipality of Dysart with the assistance of some provincial funding.

However, the provincial government will cut off its financial assistance for the bus in the new year.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, council's representative on a committee examining transportation within the county, recommended that the municipality continue operating the bus until March 31.

In the meantime, the commit-

tee will come up with a recommendation for the bus service's future.

One option could be privatization, Davis said.

"Possibly it should go to private enterprise," he told councillors. "Perhaps Dysart shouldn't own it anymore."

Davis said he's heard "a rumour" that the province may postpone its cut-off date for funding the bus service to March 31 from January 1.

Resort additions

Council agreed to waive site plan agreements for two resort's to allow them to carry out minor expansions.

Sir Sam's Inn has been given approval to build a two-unit cabin with two bedrooms, while the Wigamog Inn received approval to build two more guest cabins.



MOONLIGHT MADNESS:

Shoppers certainly had their Christmas shopping made easier on Friday night when downtown Haliburton businesses opened their doors for a wintertime version of the popular Midnight Madness. Here, Glen Sharpley of Sharpley Sports helps some customers shorten their gift-buying list.

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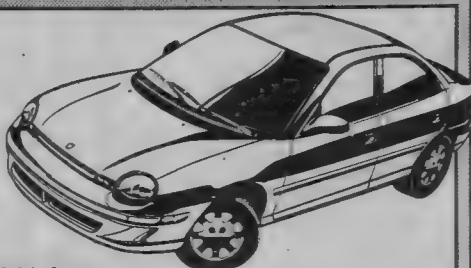
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Simmons' so long:

■ *Outspoken Snowdon reeve stresses need for change as he passes torch*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As he prepared to pass the torch to the new council, outgoing Snowdon reeve George Simmons used his farewell speech to make sure he kept a few fires lit.

"Snowdon adapts to survive," he said at the municipality's annual Christmas party at the Sunny Rock Lodge on December 5, repeating his oft-stated mantra of the need for change. "We've got to adapt — eliminate duplication and have efficiencies... But to change, there is resistance. My concern is whether Haliburton County can change and still have the services to deliver."

During his nine years as reeve of one of the county's smallest municipalities — and therefore one of the first to feel the full impact of provincial downloading and grant reductions — Simmons became an outspoken advocate of one-tier government as a way of coping with the changes local governments now face. This view was not always popular among his fellow county councillors, especially when Simmons threatened to bring in a provincial commissioner to look at the county structure.

He reiterated his desire to think of the county's best interests as a whole, not municipality by municipality. "I say it's not just Snowdon's responsibility (to

adapt to change), it's the county's. If you don't have the health care and the roads, Snowdon doesn't mean much."

This message was echoed by Snowdon clerk Ernie Hills in his opening address to the staff and spouses. "One of the dangers we face, and it's creeping in insidiously, is the self-centred approach to looking at things. No single component (of the county) can survive in and off

itself. We all need to be healthy and working. The arts won't survive if the hospitals aren't there, the hospitals won't be there unless the schools are, and none of it will be there if the roads aren't maintained. That is the challenge thrown down to all of you, to build a quality of

life for this county, and all of you are up to that challenge."

Not only did Simmons help to oversee the municipality's politics during one of the worst recessions, but he also witnessed the tremendous impact that technology would have in workings of local governments. (Indeed, he supported the purchase of the office's first computers, making tasks such as tax collecting much easier.)

This technology sometimes means job loss, Simmons said, but that's one of results of the technological revolution. He noted that he had lost his job at Bark Lake, and you must move on.

He thanked Snowdon's staff,



A GIFT IN THANKS: In appreciation of the 15 years he's served the municipality of Snowdon — six as trustee and nine as reeve — George Simmons, left, was presented with a gun rack (or a picture of it) by the new reeve, Ross Rigney, at the municipality's Christmas party at Sunnyrock Lodge on Friday night. Also enjoying the presentation on far left is Glenda Simmons.

whom he regards as the best in the county, for their ability to both adapt and excel in the face of challenge. Clerk Ernie Hills "looks forward and has advised council very well." Roads superintendent Donny McElwain has always maintained a high quality of service, even when the department has only two staff people and two plows. Doug Brohm has worked hard to ensure tax arrears are kept low, and by-law enforcement officer Karen Gustafson has ensured standards are kept high even though the municipality can only hire her part time.

"It's been gratifying to serve with all of you," he said. "People have got to challenge people. There should be progress and there should be challenge. It keeps you on guard."

To the new council, Simmons said "I'd like you to keep the broad perspective."

And to his wife Glenda of 29 years, "my gratitude and thanks for being there. She's the pillar you always look at, you know she's there."

In appreciation for his service to Snowdon, Simmons was presented with a new, law-abiding gun rack (or at least a picture of it.) So when Simmons noted that "I shoot from the hip," Lois Rigney was able to say, "now

you're keeping them in the rack."

The municipality's new reeve, Ross Rigney, who served a term on council with Simmons, gave the tribute.

"George has been provocative in his advocacy for change and the need for change in the face of government restructuring and downloading," Rigney said. "George's position has always reflected his deep regard and concern for the well-being and stability of the Haliburton community."

Here are some of Simmons' achievements, with the help of his councils, highlighted in Rigney's tribute: • despite fiscal constraints caused by the recession and government cut-backs, Simmons sought to improve the working conditions of municipal employees and helped initiate a pension plan through the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Plan, which is one of the most successful in Ontario today

• committed to a program of road improvements during those years when provincial funding was available and each year approved a few kilometres of surface treatment

• worked diligently for improvements to the Irondale bridge as part of the municipality's planned assumption of Hwy 7033, with the resulting structure being an asset to the community as a whole

• showed his commitment to long-term planning, including such things as waste management

"It's been gratifying to serve with all of you," he said. "People have got to challenge people. There should be progress and there should be challenge. It keeps you on guard."

• tirelessly advocated the broader public interests of Haliburton County while representing his own constituents well on county council!

• served as warden of the county in 1992

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Minden council's experience of working together seen as asset during changing times

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The faces around the council table in Minden remain the same as they were prior to last month's election, but the role councillors play is about to change dramatically.

However, council's experience will serve it well when the provincial government begins to hand down responsibility for many services in January, says Minden's reeve.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon and deputy-reeve Jerry Rome were both acclaimed to their seats in the November 10 election, while councillors Sinc Nesbitt, Grant Plooard and Daryl Moore were re-elected.

"The durability of this council will assist with the onset of the greatest transfer of responsibilities to municipal governments this province has ever seen since the birth of local governments," Anthon said at council's inaugural meeting last Tuesday.

While county council will manage most of the downloaded

services, municipal councillors "on the front lines" will be held accountable for them, she said.

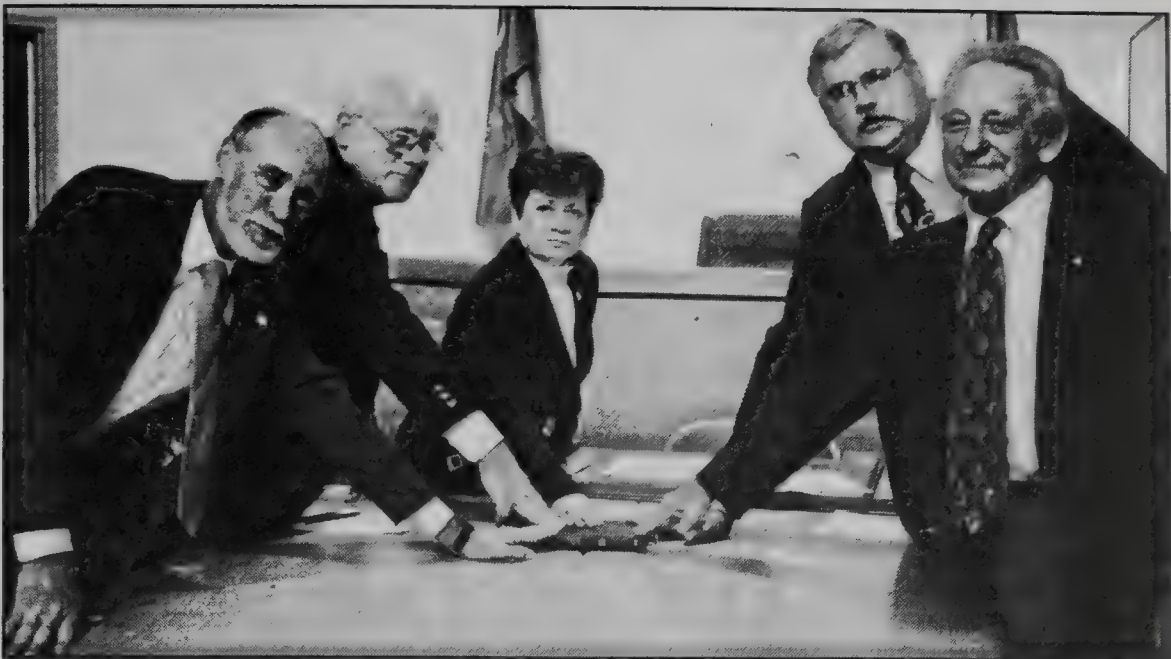
"Although the cost of the new services will likely be collected through our property tax bill, it will be transferred to the county level for payment. I will recommend to this council that the portion of the tax bill allocated to county costs be broken out to better communicate with ratepayers the impact of new responsibilities."

Now that council has achieved its goal from the 1994 election of establishing a business park, it needs to focus on marketing it and the community, Anthon said.

The reeve told councillors she heard their messages from an all-candidates' meeting prior to the election.

"You all expressed the desire to continue amalgamation and restructuring discussions with our neighbours and we'll plan that for the new year.

"We all share concerns about the sustaining and enhancement of our downtown and I encourage all members of council to



FAMILIAR FACES: It's a new Anson, Hindon and Minden council, but exactly the same people who are gathered around the table as the last time: Councillor Grant Plooard, Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome, Reeve Jeanne Anthon and Councillors Daryl Moore and Sinc Nesbitt.

work with the BIA to solve this problem."

Anthon noted some positive signs for the area, including construction work underway at the MNR to house the OPP, the expansion of two of the Minden's "major" businesses and the start of work to upgrade the county's healthcare facilities.

"With the backbone of our excellent staff, this is a very strong council (that) will continue to work hard and democrati-

cally to best provide essential services to Anson, Hindon and Minden."

Deputy-reeve Rome said he's looking forward to a very productive but challenging term ahead.

While deputy-reeves are no longer members of county council, Rome said he would make certain to stay on top of county issues in case he has to sit in for Anthon.

Councillors Sinc Nesbitt,

Daryl Moore and Grant Plooard said they are prepared to tackle the challenges that all municipalities will face over the coming years.

"I don't think there's anyone else I'd like to go forward with than this group here," said Plooard.

Earlier in the meeting Reverend Peter Walford-Davis prayed for guidance on council's behalf during the upcoming term.

Lions can have summer toll bridge

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tice, it withdrew its application because it didn't want to prevent the Lions from holding future tolls.

"We can't have that kind of congestion on the roads four or five weekends per year," Reeve Murray Fearrey told representatives from the Lions, the hockey association and Search and Rescue at a meeting last week.

The municipality has received complaints from a number of people who

don't like being held up by the tolls, he said.

Laurie Johnston, president of the hockey association, suggested the municipality could allow two fundraising tolls per summer with the proceeds to be shared by community groups approved by council.

However, councillors opted to allow only the Lions to hold the tolls.

"They were the first to do it so we went with the group that initiated it," said Fearrey.

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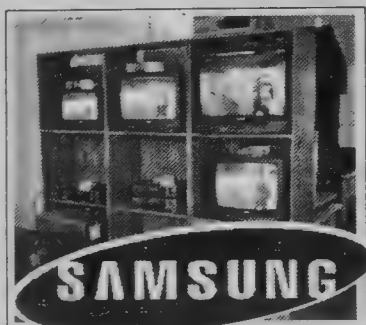
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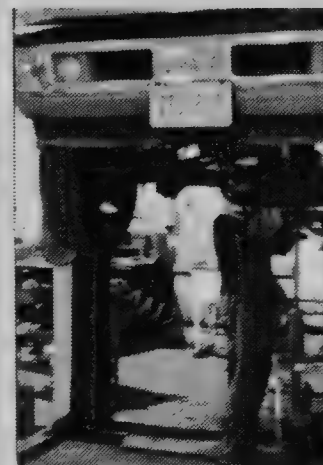
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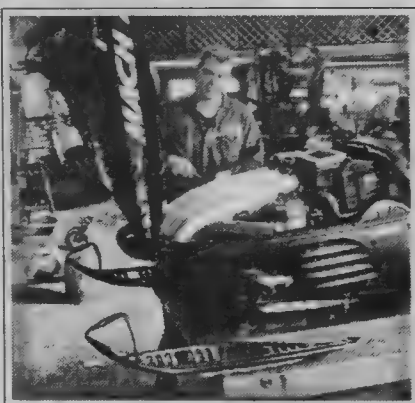


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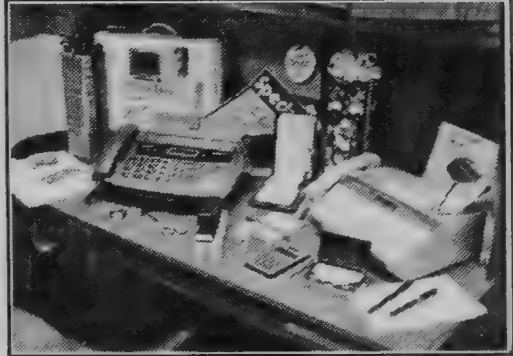
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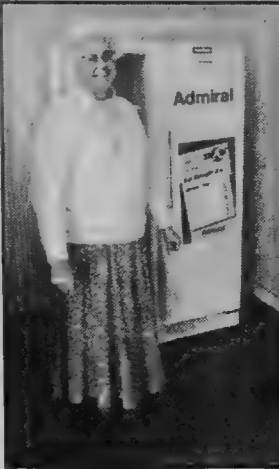
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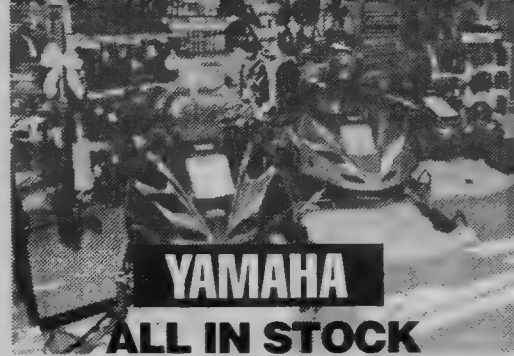
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Councils relieved cuts not as bad as expected

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required cutback, the province says it will supply enough funding for each municipality to cover any new costs tied to downloading.

Members of Minden council received details of the announcements Thursday morning in a conference call with several other municipalities and officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"I'm relieved by what I've heard," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "... They're virtually guaranteeing we're not going to be hurt by these transfers."

Shepherd said the province's announcement of additional funding for municipalities shows recognition that its previous numbers didn't add up.

"This could easily be the difference between being able to make (the transfers) work and not being able to make it work without significantly raising taxes," he said.

However, some municipalities may still have difficulty cutting their budgets by 1.7 per cent, said Shepherd.

"The fat's gone and they're already into service cuts. You're into more service cuts or else find a new way to do things altogether, and that's really what the

province has been preaching to us for a long time."

The province is setting up a \$570-million "Community Reinvestment Fund" to help small municipalities, such as Haliburton County's, handle the transfers.

In addition, it is establishing a \$75-million transition fund for two years, a \$50-million restructuring fund, an additional \$50-million for highway transfers and a \$77-million fund to help municipalities with "unique circumstances," including small, rural and northern municipalities.

Queen's Park will take over a \$2.5-billion portion of the costs of education across the province and raise the remainder by setting a uniform mill rate for all residential property tax payers.

The rate has been set at between .45 per cent and .47 per cent of the property's current assessed value. The rate of .46 per cent will be used in the interim until the final rate is set after re-assessments in the new year.

Under the new system, a homeowner with property assessed at \$100,000 can expect to pay \$460 in education taxes.

The province has yet to release an education tax rate for business owners.



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Big Brother or Big Kid?

Jack Thistle says he has too much fun being a Big Brother to ever want to grow up

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

JACK THISTLE has a little bit of the Peter Pan in him. He doesn't see the point in growing up if that means being serious all the time and not being able play every now and again.

"Why should I grow up? I'm having so much fun. I'm 65 and I don't feel it," says the Wilberforce resident.

For him, being a Big Brother is the perfect outlet. He gives a young boy the friendship of an adult, and the young boy gives him the excuse to go out and have some fun. "If I had known it would be so much fun, that I could be a kid, I'd have done it sooner."

Ten years ago, when his university-age son became a Big Brother in Bramalea, Thistle decided to sign up, too. He and his son had had a good time coaching and managing a local hockey team, and this was another way of being able to work with kids. The first match was for three years, the second for seven. Asked what he'd do when his second Little Brother became an adult, Thistle quickly responded that they'd simply switch roles.

It was this second Little Brother, now a teenager, who helped Thistle and his wife Ann move to Dark Lake this past summer. (Their daughter,

Heather Boxall, lives in Gooderham and they grew to like the area when they came up for visits. The people's friendliness helped convince them to retire here.)

In his years with the Big Brothers of Peel Region Thistle endeared himself to more than the children. In each of his years, he was the biggest single fundraiser, capping off his efforts last year by raising \$22,000 for the annual bowlathon "For Kids Sake."

In appreciation to his dedication to the organization, and his willingness to work tirelessly for the benefit of young children, he's received the Mentor Award from Big Brothers of Peel Region, the Long Service Award from the city of Brampton and, most recently, the Ontario Senior Citizen Volunteer Recognition Award from Nissan Canada.

"He can set aside his own needs and put the kids' needs first," says Mary Needham, executive director of the Big Brothers of Peel Region, where Thistle recently made a return engagement as Jolly Old St. Nick. "He's a good role model and has a lot of common sense. He's a big kid himself but at the same time he can establish boundaries."

"He becomes a kid himself. He talks like they talk. He's almost the perfect grandpa," says Dianne Austin, executive



"He's fun," young Scott says of his new Big Brother, Jack Thistle. Before moving to Wilberforce this past summer, the long-time volunteer was presented with the Ontario Senior Citizen Volunteer Recognition Award from Nissan Canada

director of the Victoria-Haliburton Big Brothers and Little Sisters.

Austin was thrilled when one of the first things Thistle did upon moving up to the Highlands was sign up to be a Big Brother here. There are 80 kids on the association's waiting list since there are always more kids in need of an older friend than there are volunteers. "It's literally impossible to keep up."

She paired Thistle with Scott, a young boy at Victoria Street School who says his new Big Brother is "fun." Wigamog has given them a free pool pass for the winter so they can continue swimming, and in the summer, they like to do "boys stuff" - fishing and playing baseball.

"You can feel his affection for kids ooze out of him," says Austin. "It's his enthusiasm. He's a very demonstrative man and some kids have never had a hug before."

Of course, she too is glad that he puts as much enthusiasm into his fundraising efforts. His car is plastered with Big Brothers stickers and he's always ready to share the gospel of volunteering for such a worthy organization. "He's almost taken it on as a crusade, and for nothing more than a rare thank you," says Austin. "He's not only willing to be matched with a Little Brother, but wants to help the organization itself and encourage other men to get involved."

Thistle just likes the good feel-

ings he gets from being with a Little Brother and knowing that in dozens of small ways, he's doing something positive in the child's life. He remembers the tears that came to his eyes when his second Little Brother, Kevin, gave a testimonial at the Nissan award presentation. "You don't think you have that much of an effect. I was speechless, and as my wife will tell you, that doesn't happen very often."

Born in Montreal and raised in St. John's, Newfoundland, Thistle spent most of his adult life on the move, with the air force and with Canadian Airlines. He's travelled the world, often with his wife and four children and "we had a

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Planning for the future

by TAMARA WILBEE
County Office

THE COMMUNITY Strategic Planning Process is well underway and requires the public's assistance. County councillors have committed to co-ordinate the planning process and an interim steering committee has been established with meeting dates set until June. A Community Forum will be held in July to review and update the Strategic Plan and to ensure that the public is aware of and comfortable with the process and to obtain new input.

The function of the Steering Committee is to co-ordinate and communicate between the various orientations identified in the Strategic Plan being Health, Education, Economic Diversification, Marketing, Youth, Seniors, Transportation and the Natural Environment. The process of establishing orientation groups has been initiated but still requires many more volunteers to make this work. The excellent participation and interest this summer during the public consultation process needs to continue if the process is to reach implementation. A press release will be issued every two months, following the meetings of the Steering Committee.

Family Services of Haliburton County has agreed to take a lead role for the Youth Development Committee and is looking for volunteers (both youth and adult) to participate. Youth have been meeting to identify priorities for project ideas as well as working to ensure that there is youth representation on various committees

Adding to the foundation built by this summer's strategic planning process, several groups take lead roles to make sure goals are realized

throughout the county including municipal recreation committees and the Community Transportation Steering Committee.

The Community Transportation Steering Committee has agreed to act as the orientation group for transportation so as to build on the work already in progress. Marilyn Pennycook of Home Support Services will be representing the Transportation orientation on the Steering Committee.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation has accepted an invitation by county council to take the lead in creating and developing the Economic Diversification Committee with county council representation. This committee will generate ideas for economic development projects and transfer them to the appropriate groups as well as identifying key activities, resources and infrastructure to accomplish the projects. The group will also strive to ensure that communication between the existing economic development groups continues on a regular basis to avoid duplication of work, etc.

The county-wide Marketing Group will come into existence very soon, as work in all of the orientation committee will require marketing ideas and projects to be worked on very shortly.

Cheryl Murdoch has agreed to chair a committee based on educational issues. She has committed to set up a meeting with education providers including C.H.A.C.E., Sir Sandford Fleming and the Board of Education.

Ross Davies and Doug Campbell of Haliburton Highland Health Services attended the Steering Committee meeting representing the health sector and will keep the Steering Committee apprised of the progress of the HHHS Board.

George Hamilton of the Stanhope Seniors Club has agreed to meet with other community seniors associa-

tions to try to generate interest in a county-wide association of retired people which can assist in the planning and implementation of strategic initiatives involving that group.

Carolynn Coburn, a member of the Stewardship Council, has agreed to lead the Environment and Natural Resource Management Committee. This group needs representation from a variety of sectors, i.e. environmen-

tal groups, forestry, tourism, etc. in order to enhance understanding and communication between the various interests.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these orientation groups, even if your time is limited or you are only available part of the year, we have a position available for you. Your volunteer time is an investment into the future of Haliburton County. Please give us a call at (705) 286-1333 if you are interested in enhancing the quality of life in the Haliburton Highlands for now and the future.

For a kid at heart, Big Brothers is like play group

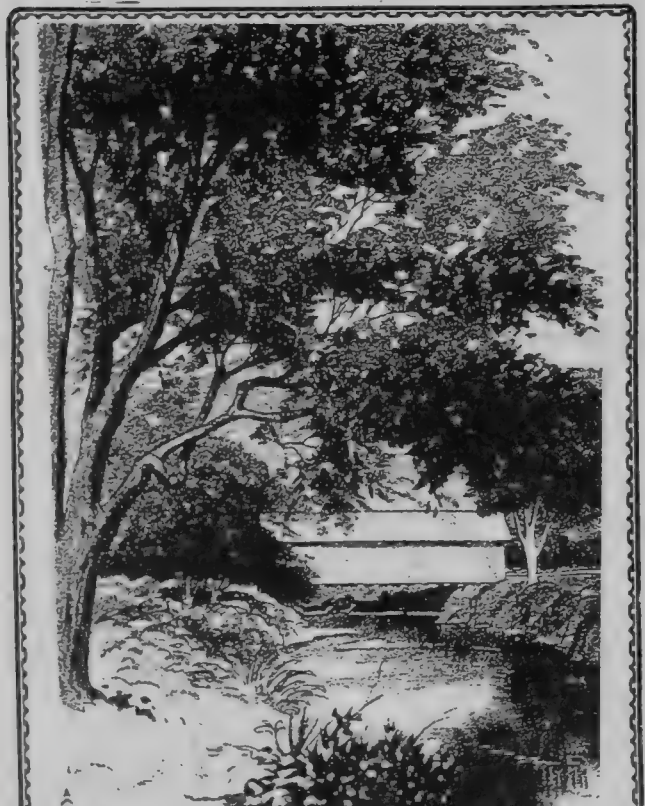
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ball." He especially loved his years as Canadian Airlines' official tour guide for school groups.

"When I'm with a kid, I become their age and maybe that's the secret," he says, interrupting his comments to make the duck sounds that send kids into giggling fits. "When you're with a young person, I don't speak down to them, I speak with them. They have lots of things to say if you listen."

Asked what he'd say to other men, or couples, who have thought about volunteering for Big Brothers but haven't yet taken the step to call, he says "just do it. Get out there and have fun and you can have a dramatic effect on a kid's life. And I think I get more out of it than the kids do. It feels good."

For more information about how you can get involved locally, call Dianne Austin at 705-324-6800 days or at her home, 705-454-2281.



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Parents can cash in on \$40 rebate in new year

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The rebate cheques won't be ready for Christmas, but they should be delivered in time to help pay off those Christmas bills early in the new year.

County schools are now accepting claim forms from parents hoping to collect on a payment plan designed by the province to compensate them for school days their children missed because of the recent teachers' strike.

Parents have one month — until January 16, 1998 — to file claims for the rebate at county schools. It will take the board at least two weeks to process the claims after they've been received.

The provincial government recently adopted legislation to enact the payment plan.

When the rebate was announced in late October, Education Minister Dave Johnson said it would be offered to parents or guardians who had to arrange day care or other services for children while schools were closed during the two-week walkout.

But under Bill 161, it won't be necessary for parents to have paid for child care during the strike to receive the rebate.

Instead, boards are required to make the payment to parents and guardians of children 13 years of age and younger who were "prevented from attending school or being safely supervised at school because of the strike."

Boards are to draw the payments from savings they realized in teachers' salaries during the

walkout over Bill 160.

The rebate also applies if students were unable to attend school because school buses were cancelled, as they were in Haliburton County.

Families of special-needs students 14 years of age and older are eligible for the rebate, as well.

The maximum \$40 daily payment is to go to the entire family, regardless of the number of children.

Parents and guardians filing claims can pick up application forms at local schools or the school board office.

Forms must be completed and returned to school for verification by the January 16 deadline.

While those who apply for the rebate won't need to supply receipts, the government is encouraging families to keep them in case they are required by Revenue Canada.

The legislation includes provisions for fines of up to double the amount of fraudulent claims.

Parents can file claims for no longer than the 10 days schools were closed because of the strike.

Teachers who took part in the walkout are not eligible to receive the rebate.

Many school boards, including Haliburton's, have said the payment plan could end up costing them more than they saved in wages. However, the provincial government has agreed to reimburse boards if the rebates put them in the red.

The government has also said it will pay boards \$3 for every eligible claim they receive to help offset processing costs.



CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE: Erin Burch is in a state of pure bliss surrounded by the 48 new "Domers" donated to the 4Cs Christmas hamper drive by Sennitt Puppets in Carnarvon. Sennitt Puppets is the creator and official maker of Domer, the turtle puppet which is the mascot for the Sky Dome. The other stuffed toys in the photo were donated by Easton's Valumart in Haliburton and all have been given to the 4Cs to be included in the free Christmas hampers to be distributed to almost 300 families in the Haliburton area.

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Council wants dump problems fixed

by KERRY RILEY

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the December 8 Monmouth Council inaugural meeting.

Discussions continued regarding the state of the township dump. The general untidy appearance has evoked negative comments from residents. As well, improper use of the burn pit could potentially jeopardize the township's licence to operate one.

Complicating the situation is the fact that the loader used to turn over the new garbage (which can only be operated by roads personnel) is broken.

Councillor Stoughton agreed that the dump was "in the worst shape it's been in the last 10 years."

He stated that he was not directing any blame, but that the problem needed to be rectified.

Reeve Keith Tallman identi-

fied the long-standing practice of handing out dump keys to individuals in the township who pay business tax as the source of the problem. This has resulted in unmonitored, after hours use of the dump. As of Jan. 1/98 the business tax will be abolished, and Tallman felt that it would be an opportune time to reclaim the keys. A resolution to recall dump keys by February 1st, 1998 passed.

Fire services in hot seat

Bill Foote, of the County Fire Services Committee advised Council that quotes for a new county-wide communications system have been sent to a consultant for review. The plan would see new transmitters placed in high positions on existing towers and would cost

the county \$60,000 minus an \$18,000 federal grant.

It is proposed that this cost will be split among the 10 municipalities, but that for the system to be fully utilized, many fire departments will likely have to get multi-channelled, programmable radios.

Foote stressed the county-wide benefits — allowing the dispatch of the closest fire department to an emergency scene, regardless of township boundaries, and allowing departments to talk to each other during a call. The presentation was hampered by the fact that only one copy of his brief was available, and Council would have liked a detailed report prior to the meeting.

Councillor (and former fire chief) Gary Stoughton commented that "I fought for 25 years to get us a system that works. Now we've got one and you want to take it away from us. I couldn't go for that!"

Councillor (and fireman) Jim Deterling concurred, stating "it's hard to support something that will cost us money when we have a system that works well now." (Monmouth would have to purchase equipment that is currently supplied by its own dispatch service.) Council also noted, that under their present arrangements with nearby townships, the closest department did respond to calls.

Mr. Foote replied that he hoped they "would take into account the direction of the county as a whole rather than [their] own particular narrow interests." He estimated county savings of more than \$20,000. He concluded by noting that the JEPP deadline required a decision at the December 18 county council meeting.

Discussion continued upon Mr. Foote's departure. Deputy-reeve Rick Forget expressed surprise that the county would be willing to commit to such an expense considering the current uncertain financial climate. Reeve Tallman noted that 10 municipalities would vote. Even if he voted No, it could still go ahead, in which case "we'll pay for it in the county allotment anyways." He assessed county's previous response to the project as "lukewarm," noting that at that time, the JEPP grant percentage was expected to be higher.

In other matters....

In response to "numerous complaints," community policing representative Pat Simiana asked council to lower the speed limit through town to 50 km/hr. A resolution passed requesting regular, periodic OPP radar blitzes in an effort to achieve compliance with the current 60 km/hr limit.

No action was taken regarding Sunday opening of liquor stores in the township. Without specific objection from a township, the province now allows liquor stores to operate on Sundays.

A resolution passed renewing fire agreements, without change, for Dysart and Cardiff.

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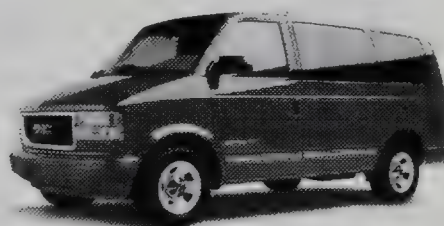
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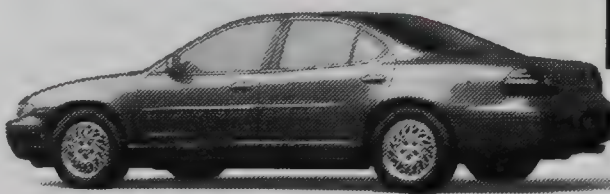
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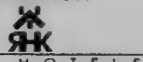
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Hyland Crest gets festive

Friday, Dec. 5 saw many residents out visiting with family, shopping, etc. and in the afternoon we thoroughly enjoyed the music of Don and Doris at our Happy Hour. Afterwards, we tucked into the goodies provided by volunteers. Carl Dugan was here to visit with us. Carl worked in our home for many years and it was good to see him once again.

We also welcomed Joan Evans and Jennie Hagan to our home, our two newest residents.

Saturday was our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. What a crowd of people we had. We are pleased to report that the event had great results.

We wish to thank all those who donated items and to the volunteers who helped out.

Following are the lucky winners of the raffle: Quilt - Joyce Holmes, Wilberforce; Ceramic tree - Ellen Holden, Minden; Lace hat - Bernice Stewart, Haliburton; Santa's mailbox - Bernice McCann, Minden. Congratulations

There were a lot of visitors coming and going on Sunday. Rev. Burgess was here for his weekly pas-

toral visit and "In Harmony" entertained us, music we always enjoy. After such a busy weekend, it was nice to sit back and relax with a quiet evening at home.

At our resident council meeting we also said goodbye to Ruth Ward who moved to Haliburton Extencicare. That evening we were wonderfully entertained by the Haliburton County Band. This group (about 20 members) have representatives from every township in the county. Lovely music followed by refreshments. A big thank you.

At our chapel service, we remembered Grace Coburn in our prayers.

The craft group now is busy finishing off the decorations, place mats, etc. for our Christmas meals. In the evening, the children who participate in the "Adopt a Grandparent" program were here and entertained us beautifully with their music and singing. Afterwards, a gift exchange took place and we all enjoyed a lovely lunch. It was such a nice evening. We thank the children and everyone who was involved.

The next day, a full bus

left our home for Minden Home Hardware for some shopping. We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a shopping trip such as this, made possible by the help of our volunteers and activity staff. A lot of planning goes into these excursions and we appreciate them. The staff at Home Hardware merit a thank you for their kindness to us.

At Thursday's tea party, ladies from "Our Lady of Fatima" were hosts and we extend our thanks to them. Also at our tea party, we were entertained by Toos Reid and her Kindergarten class.

Upcoming birthdays: Albert Clarke, Dec. 19; Annie Schultz, Dec. 20; Louise Bishop, Dec. 21 and Mildred Gartshore, Dec. 23. A happy birthday to you all.

We were glad to hear that Judy Stevenson is recovering nicely.

All of us would like to thank the management and staff of Hyland Crest for their consideration and professionalism that they have shown us throughout the year which makes our stay here that much more enjoyable.



PRIZE WINNERS: SIRCH Women's Emergency House and SIRCH Community Hospice held fundraising draws on Nov. 29 and Dec. 5. Showing off their prizes are some of the winners. Standing, from left: Phillip Daniels, Roger Danilko, Susan Danilko and Connie Robinson. Seated, from left: Kate Hall, Mickey Kerswill and Barb Bolin, on behalf of her daughters Janna and Kristi Bowskill.

Young entrepreneurs can apply for loan guarantees

The Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEP) was launched in November by Ontario Economic Development Minister Al Palladini. The program will provide training and loans for young people who want to start their own business. YEP, delivered in partnership with the Royal Bank, offers aspiring small business owners between 18 and 29 a loan guarantee of up to \$7,500 along with guidance in building a successful business.

Like all key elements of the government's jobs strategy, YEP will help to break down barriers to job creation and enhance support to the primary engine of job creation: Ontario's small businesses. Today,

more and more young people want to go into business for themselves but face challenges getting loans and finding the right advice on business administration, finance, marketing and sales. Through the business loan and specially-designed Young Entrepreneurs Workshops, administered by the Peterborough Business Self-Help Office, the new program breaks down each of these barriers.

The Program is open to Ontario residents between the ages of 18 and 29 who are not enrolled in full-time studies.

Entrepreneurs must be able to contribute at least 30 per cent of the amount they apply for and must have a plan to start a new

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Also in this department, we wish a hearty recovery to Louis Juhasz of Grass Lake (only on the Green Lake side!) as he is cared for in Toronto Hospital.

Our deepest sympathy to

Charlie Morrison on the loss of his dear wife, Grace on December 8. Their home on the 25th Line holds so many happy memories of Grace and Charlie's kind hospitality and we will sorely miss Grace's loving ways which drew us closer over the years.

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Director of Education

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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of an original road allowance between Concessions VII and VIII, in front of Part Lot 12, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 12, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the Original Road Allowance between Concession VII and VIII, in front of Lot 12, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the County of Haliburton, for closure and conveyance of Part 2 and Part 3 on Plan 19R-6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of November 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

NOTICES



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WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton has by resolution declared a portion of the road right of way in Lot 12 Concession VII, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the road right of way in Lot 12 Concession VII, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 2 and Part 3 of reference plan 19R 6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, O.L.S., and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the Engineering Office of the County of Haliburton Administration Office in Minden, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person or by his council, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the United Townships of Dysart et al, for closure and conveyance of the Original Road Allowance between Concessions VII and VIII in front of Lot 12, being Part 1 of reference plan 19R 6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Engineering Department at the County of Haliburton Administration Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).

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THE HCDC is seeking a consultant to develop and implement a business plan for enhancing the economic contribution of the Arts to Haliburton County. This is estimated to be a five month contract starting January 1998. Proven communication skills, experience facilitating groups, working with volunteer committees, knowledge of the county and arts community, marketing and business plan development would be an asset. For further information please call Barb Bolin at 457-1680 or Andy Campbell at 457-3555. Please submit letter of application and business resume to HCDC, P.O. Box 210, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 by Dec. 23, 1997. CA

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CA

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Dec. 10-24, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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The Haliburton County

MapleFest Committee

invites interested persons to
participate in MapleFest 98
April 10, 11 & 12!

NOTE: New closing date of Jan.
16 for best rate.

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9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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CA

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330 THANK YOU

**HALIBURTON COUNTY HOME
SUPPORT SERVICES** extends a
special "Thanks" to the Haliburton
Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Aux-
iliary, Tom Regina and Lauren
McInnes and the Haliburton High
School Flute Choir who made our
December 1st Annual Christmas
Luncheon a great success. CA

From the **Haliburton Figure Skat-
ing Club Executive**, a big thank
you to all who made donations of
goods and/or services for our Club
fundraising lunch at the Legion dur-
ing the Country Kin Folk Craft Sale
in November: Rexall Drug Store,
Haliburton ValuMart and IGA,
Kawartha Dairy, Marilyn Boughner,
Hostess and all the parents of
skaters who participated. CA

THANK YOU, HARRY for all your
help at Stan's Shell for the past 10
years (all the fixing and listening,
dipping and pumping you did). You
certainly made the garage. You will
be missed. Wish you well in the log-
ging. Thanks again - Karen, Bob,
Janet, Ross, Matt, Connie and
Tony.

330 THANK YOU

**THE BOARD OF THE LOCHLIN
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iburton PET Headquarters.

360 ENGAGEMENTS

Friends and family announce with
great pleasure the engagement of
ANGELA LYMBURNER

to

ISAAC BRANNIGAN

Wedding bells will ring August 22,
1998.

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST

**Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Tuesday, December 9, 1997 in
his 71st year**

J. DOUGLAS HODGSON

Doug was the first Director of Ed-
ucation for Haliburton County from
1969 to 1984. Loving husband of
Barbara Brintnell, father of Kath-
erine Hodgson-McMahon, Chris and
his wife Marie, Andrew and prede-
ceased by John (1970). Dear
grandfather of Jamie, Sarah and
John McMahon, Clayton, Cody,
Charlotte and Caroline Hodgson;
Todd and Wade Hodgson. Family
and friends visited at the Gordon A.
Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main
Street, Minden on Thursday and
Friday. Then to St. George's Angli-
can Church, Haliburton for funeral
service on Saturday, December 13.
Private interment Evergreen Ceme-
tery, Haliburton. Memorial dona-
tions to the Haliburton Highlands
Secondary School Scholarship
Fund would be appreciated by the
family. CA

AT REST

**Passed away peacefully at the
Peterborough Civic Hospital on
Monday, December 8, 1997 in
her 76th year**

GRACE MORRISON

Beloved wife of Charles Edward
Morrison, dear sister of Harley Fader
and Claude Fader. Fondly re-
membered by many nieces and
nephews. Family and friends visited
at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral
Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on
Wednesday. Funeral service was
held in the Chapel on Thursday, De-
cember 11. Spring Interment Maple
Lake United Church Cemetery.
Memorial donations to the Haliburton
Hospital Building Fund
(H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated
by the family. CA

AT REST

**At Haliburton Hospital on
Friday evening, December 12,
1997 in his 78th year**

CLIFFORD DAWSON

Beloved husband of Betty
Camochan. Loving father of Arthur
and his wife Anne of Haliburton,
Paul and his wife Cathy of Paris and
Kathy (Mrs. Keith Foster) of Hal-
iburton. Fondly remembered by his
grandchildren Kelly, Terry, Andrew,
Julie, Michael, Chad, Dane and
Micheala. Dear brother of Gerald
(Barbara), Irene (Mrs. Harry Davis),
Phyllis Kennedy and Shirley (Mrs.
Ross Bennett). Predeceased by his
sister Doreen Gray and brothers
Richard and Stanley. Friends were
invited to call at the HALIBURTON

390 DEATH NOTICES

CONTINUED
COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME,
Haliburton on Sunday afternoon,
December 14. Then to St. George's
Anglican Church, Haliburton on
Monday, December 15 for funeral
service. Private interment later Ever-
green Cemetery, Haliburton. As ex-
pressions of sympathy, donations to
the Haliburton Highland Health
Services Foundation would be ap-
preciated by the family. A Legion
service was held at the funeral
home on Sunday, December 14. A
Masonic service was held at the fu-
neral home on Sunday, December
14. CA

AT REST

**Passed away peacefully at his
residence in Carnarvon on
Saturday, December 13, 1997
in his 96th year**

**HERBERT EDWARD "JACK"
GREGORY**

Beloved husband of Hazel Grego-
ry, dear father of Frederick W. Grego-
ry and Barbara Gamble of Ot-
tawa and Joan and her husband
Fred Chapple of Carnarvon. Lov-
ing grandfather of Mark Fennell and
his wife Sharon, David Fennell and
his wife Dianne and Jim Gregory.
Great grandfather of Scott, Jeffrey,
Jim and Elishaba. Friends are in-
vited to visit with the family at the
Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home,
127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday
from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. then to
Zion United Church, Carnarvon for
funeral service on Wednesday, De-
cember 17 at 1:30 p.m. Spring in-
terment Zion Cemetery. Memorial
donations to Zion United Church
would be appreciated. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

COWEN, WINNIFRED - In loving
memory of a dear wife, mother and
grandmother who passed away De-
cember 19, 1994.

Deep in my heart lies a picture
Of a loved one laid to rest.
In memory's frame I shall keep it,
Because she was one of the best.
Sadly missed and loved by **Nor-
man, Marie, Lloyd, Ross and Mar-
lene.** CA

POLLARD, GLADYS - The Pol-
lard family would like to express their
thanks to all who helped them
through the difficult time following
Gladys' death on December 17,
1996. Since then, we have found a
way of grieving our loss but also of
finding, in our memories of a loving
wife and mother, a source of com-
fort and strength. We continue to
feel the loss of Gladys deeply but
we also learn from her example of
living a full life and following her
heart.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on the
snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning
hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I did not die.

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
In the estate of
HAZEL JANET ANGUS
deceased**

All persons having claims against
the Estate of HAZEL JANET AN-
GUS late of the Township of Mon-
mouth, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on or about the 7th day of
October, 1997, are hereby notified
to send particulars of the same to
the undersigned on or before the
6th day of January, 1998 after which
date the assets will be distributed
CONTINUED

with regard only to the claims of
which the undersigned shall then
have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th
day of December, 1997 by DON-
ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor,
P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix
of the Estate of Hazel Janet Angus.
CA

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
In the estate of
JOHN (JACK) MURRAY
AUSTIN
deceased**

All persons having claims against
the Estate of JOHN (JACK) MUR-
RAY AUSTIN late of the Township
of Minden, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about the
20th day of October, 1997, are
hereby notified to send particulars
of the same to the undersigned on
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of FREDERICK NORVAL COOPER deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of FREDERICK NORVAL COOPER late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Frederick Norval Cooper. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of WILLIAM RUSSELL CRAWFORD deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM RUSSELL CRAWFORD late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 16th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of William Russell Crawford. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of VIVIAN DOVELL deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of VIVIAN DOVELL late of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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CONTINUED
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Vivian Dovell. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of NICHOLAS GEORGE deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Nicholas George late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 1st day of September, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Nicholas George. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of ANNIE GRAHAM deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of ANNIE GRAHAM late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 4th day of December, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Annie Graham. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of JOHN CLAYTON MASON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of JOHN CLAYTON MASON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of John Clayton Mason. CA

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Florence Muriel Robinson. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the estate of RUBY ENID SCHMIDT deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of RUBY ENID SCHMIDT late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 12th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Ruby Enid Schmidt. CA

ECHO HOLIDAY PRODUCTION DEADLINES and OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Includes Christmas Greeting Supplement

Publication Date:

Monday, December 22

Ad Deadlines:

Friday, December 19

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE

Publication Date:

Tuesday, December 30

Ad Deadlines:

Wednesday, December 24
at noon

Season's Greetings

**The ECHO office will be closed
December 23, 24, 25 and 26 for the holidays.**



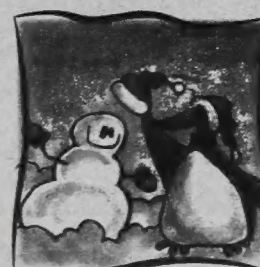
County of Haliburton Christmas Office Schedule

The Department of Social Services, Administration, Land Division and the Roads Department will be closed for the Holidays commencing Christmas Day and will re-open January 2, 1998.

The Roads Department telephones (705) 286-1762 are answered 24 hours per day in the case of an emergency.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and all the best in 1998.

The Lung Association
Christmas Seals



*Please Give
Generously*

THE LUNG ASSOCIATION

When You Can't Breathe,
Nothing Else Matters.

"Thanks for sticking with us" "Thanks for sticking with us"

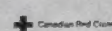


Heather

She plays sports. She goes to school. She has fun.

Please give blood.

Call (416) 974-9900 or 1-800-701-7803 for info.



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FUNERAL HOMES**

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Funeral Directors:
Dwayne Lloyd - Ron Barr - Beth Curt

These events can also be found every week
on the Haliburton Highlands Web Page at
<http://www.auriga.on.ca/hal/upcome.html>

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Community Events

Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m. - Cardiff school CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the Catholic church

Dec. 16, 7 p.m. - INAUGURATION OF THE NEW COUNTY WARDEN in the county Council Chambers, Minden

Dec. 17, 12:00 noon WHEELS TO MEALS at Kei's, phone Home Support 457-2941

Dec. 17, 7 p.m. - Gooderham school CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the community centre

Dec. 18, 7 p.m. - Dorset school CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the recreation centre

Dec. 24, 7:00 & 8:30pm Eagle Lake Community Church "The Gift" CHRISTMAS MUSIC & DRAMA

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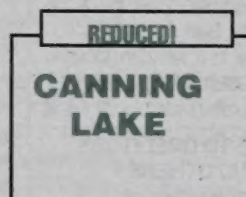
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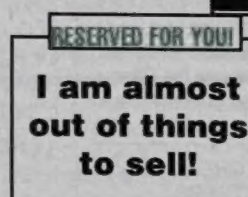
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 Beautifully decorated modern home on 8 acres 5 min from town. You could have this for as little as \$509.07/mth!



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 Waterfront lot on Canning Lake, fabulous view, west exposure, sand beach. Was \$79,391, now \$69,931



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 Call me right now if you need your property sold. In 1997, 72% of my listings sold, compared to 27% on MLS.

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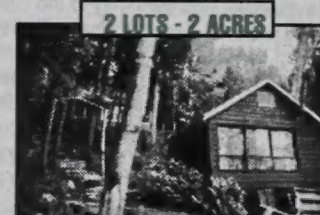
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 Spacious country home- 3 bedrooms, family room, fireplace, hardwood floors, 2 acres of privacy.



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 1st time buyers-with approx. \$3950 down + \$480/month; this 3 bdrm home close to town could be yours!



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VIEW OVER SASKATCHEWAN LK
 3 bdrm, nice, bright stone home, full, fin bsmt. 1.43 acres, 200' frtge on lake.

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